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...ARE CAN-CELED ...

... CELED ...

... CELED ...

...ALL FLIGHTS ...

WEA-THER ...

DUE TO BAD ...

AKITA AIRPORT

IS IT TRUE THAT THE JAPANESE POLICE HAVE NEVER FIRED FROM A HELICOP-TER?!

NE-VER!

WE'LL KILL THEM?

THERE'S NO CHO-ICE!

HEADQUARTERS OF THE AKITA PREFECTURE POLICE

ORDER OF THE DROOLING LOCOMO-TIVE!

FLYING IN THIS WEATH-ER?

BUT IT'S GOING TO STAY LIKE THIS!

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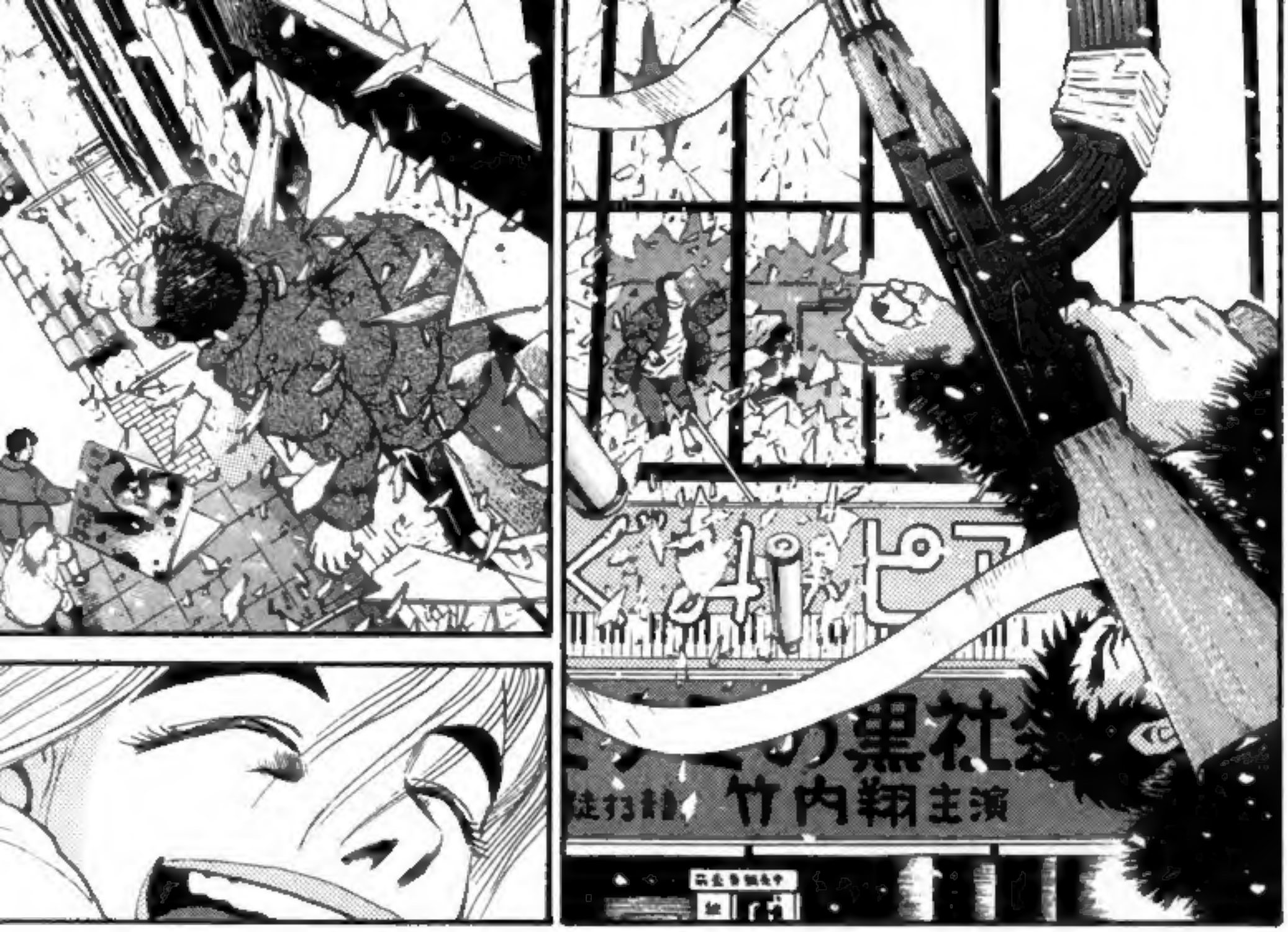
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SHIJI!

DI-REC-TOR...

YAKU-

ASSIS-TANT...

AND IF THE HOSTAGE WAS YOUR DAUGHTER, YOU WOULD STILL KILL HER?

...YOUR MO-UTH !!!*

FUCK! SHUT ...*

...OO OO !!!*

NA ...

*IN ENGLISH

THEREFORE I ASSERT... MY PRIVILEGES AS... AN ELITE POLICEMAN!

FORTU-NATELY... THE HOSTAGE ISN'T MY DAUGH-TER!

"NAO" ?

NO. N. O.

OF COURSE NOT! I WON'T LET ANYONE SHOOT AT MY DAUGHTER.

THERE IS NOTHING AS REPULSIVE AS YOUR FACE. YOUR HEART JUST AS MUCH!
COME ON HIT ME AND YOU'RE FIRED.
6
NO!
旅行

RA AA H!

RAH !

YA

AH ...

YA ...

YAKUS-HIJI, YOU DIRTY BAS-TARD !!!

A DECI-SION SHOULD BE TAKEN.

YOU GOING TO BEAT ME? KILL THEM? YOU APPOL-OGIZE?

HUH ?

YOUR PRETENSE OF INTELLIGENCE DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO HAGGLE, YOU HUMANIST CRAP CUNT OF THE CUNTS!

YOU ARE JUST A NANCY WHO SEARCHES FOR A REASON TO GIVE UP ON THE HOS-TAGE.

THE QUESTION IS NOT ABOUT SAVING A LIFE. IT'S ABOUT CHOOSING BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE SOCIETY.

ANOTHER CUNT HAS NEVER-THELESS TOLD YOU. .

WHETHER THEY LEAD A COMMUNITY, THE SOCIETY, THE NATION OR EVEN THE WORLD, OR WHETHER THEY SEEK TO OVERTHROW THE POWER IN PLACE...

...THEY KILL WHEN IT'S NECESSARY ALL THE WISE MEN HAVE ALWAYS KILLED.

社会と個人
いずれを
選択すべきか
という判断である。

殺すときは
悩んではいない。

KILLING HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MORALITY. IT'S TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON YOUR DECISIONS.

TH'S OTHER CUNT, JOJI "THE CLEANER" SUGAHARA, SAID WITHOUT HESITATION: "REGARLESS WHETHER IT'S MY DAUGHTER OR NOT, KILL HER."

ON

THEY CROSSED THE ASAHI BRIDGE AND TOOK A TURN LEFT ON THE NATIONAL ROUTE 13.

THEY ARE HEADING TOWARDS KYOWA-OMAGARI.

秋田 AKITA EXPWY

WHA
...

HI

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!!O
!!O
!!O

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ST-
OP!

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AH
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RUN AWAY!

FREE THE WAY!

THERE'S NO TIME TO REGULATE THE TRAFFIC, NOR TO EVACUATE THE VEHICLES.

GO!!!

DON'T STOP! MOVE TO THE SIDES!

GO!!!

HERE... HERE THEY ARE!

RAISE THE BARRIER! RAISE THE BARRIER!!!

...AND KILL THEM.

STOP THEM...

PUT UP A BARRICADE WITH THE CIVIL VEHICLES!

NO!

I DODGED YOUR BULLET!

HA!

HA!

HA!

17

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WE ARE ON A DIFFER-ENT LEVEL!

YOU DUMB COCK'S!

IT TAKES SKILL TO KILL!!!

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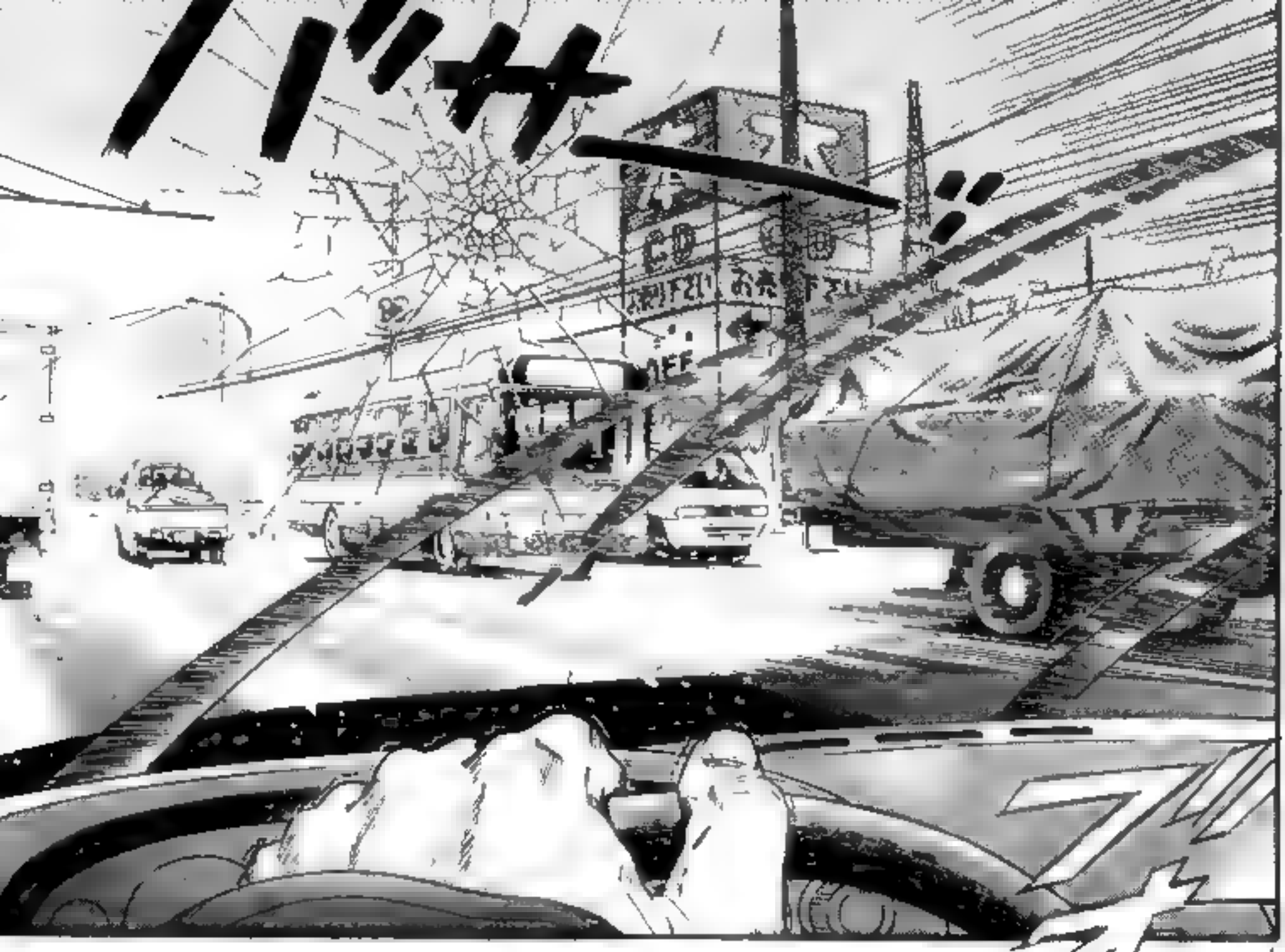
NO.

KILL...
THEM.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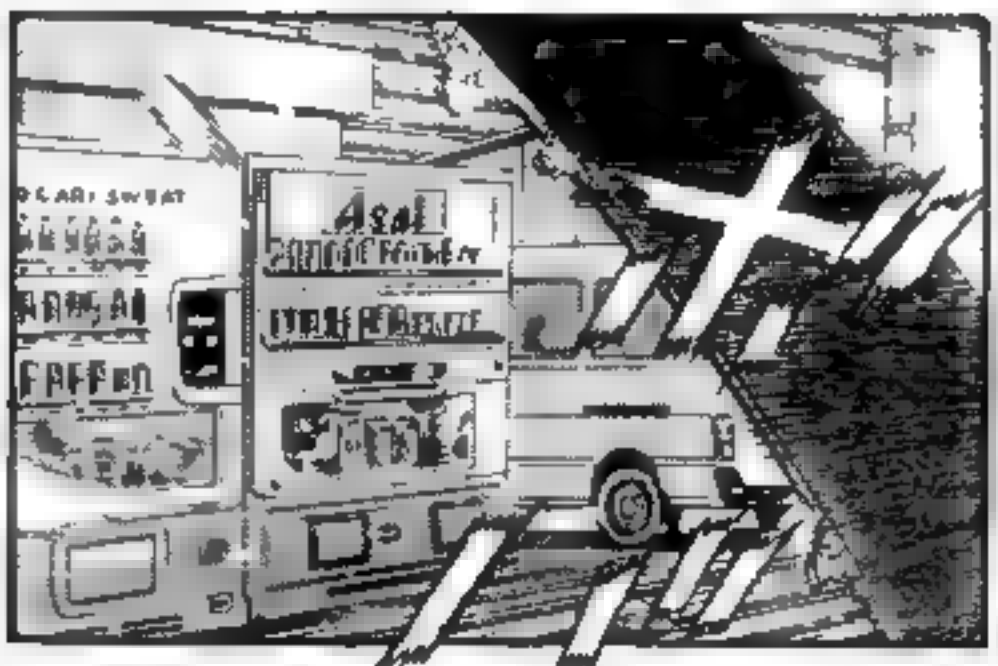
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129.THEY-OR US

I'LL KILL THEM!

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NO_ MON-CHAN! DON'T LET THE COPS DO THIS! FIRE AT THEM FROM TIME TO TIME!

THEY WON'T EVEN LET US, THE FAMOUS TOSHI-MON, BUY SOME BLOODY COFFEE?

GET LOST!

KYAAAA

MON-CHAN!

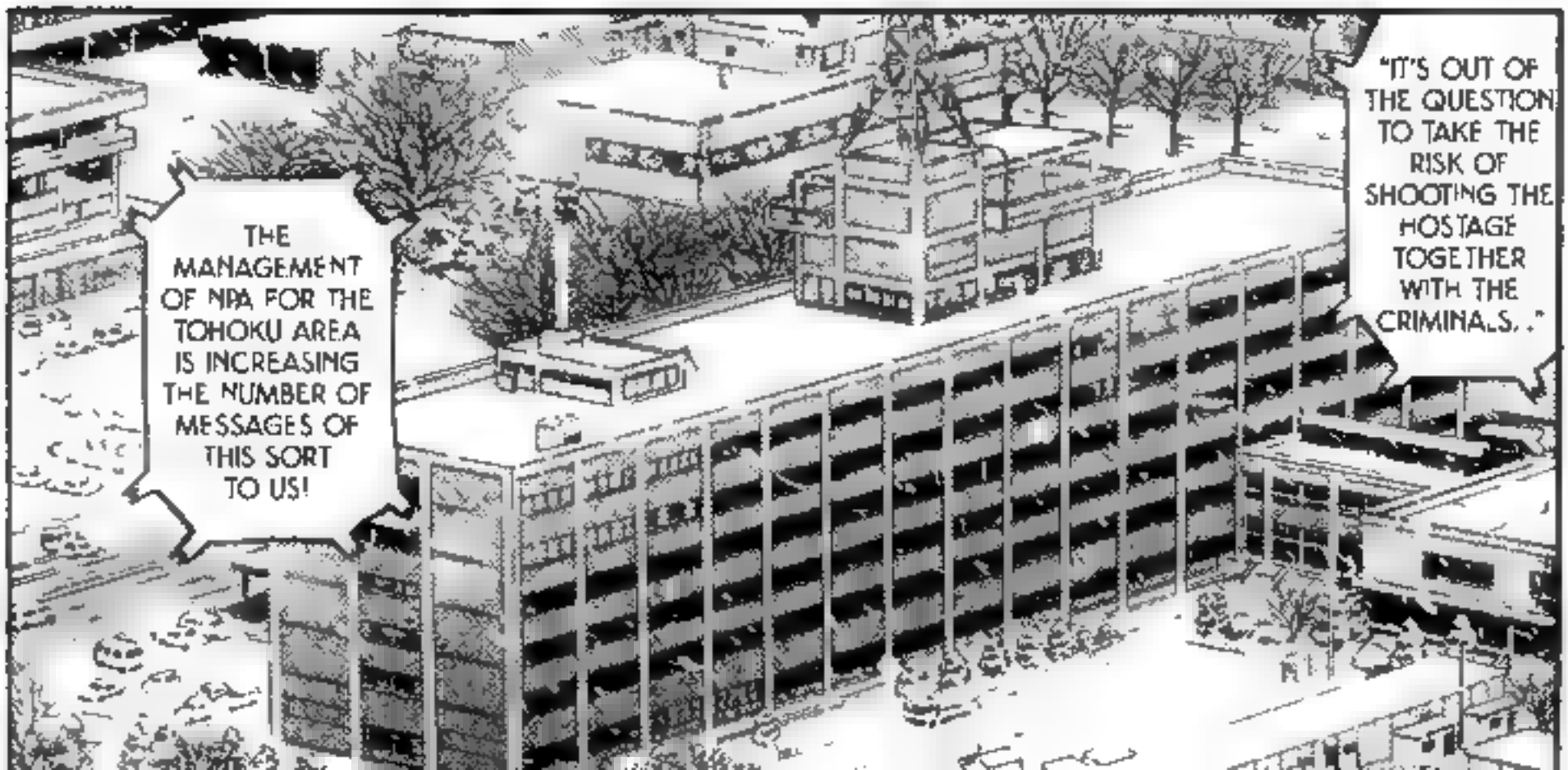
MON-CH...

SHH HH.

IT MAKES ME SAD.

I... AM AWAKE, SO IT'S FINE... YOU... CAN GO TO SLEEP.

129 THEY OR US


THE MANAGEMENT OF NPA FOR THE TOHOKU AREA IS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MESSAGES OF THIS SORT TO US!
"IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION TO TAKE THE RISK OF SHOOTING THE HOSTAGE TOGETHER WITH THE CRIMINALS..."

YOU

ARE

...WEL-
COME!

ARE YA'LL SAVIN' STUD BACK?

UU
UAH

PTT

SH HH.

MON-CHAN!

MON-CHAN

10

HUH ?

9

HUH ?

BUT SHE'S A MESS, YOU KNOW THAT AS WELL. DON'T YOU CARE?

I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST HER MYSELF.

FUUAH?

MARIA. IS A MESS.

YES.

MARIA IS A WRECK AND YOU STILL WISH TO STAY WITH HER?

OK-AY!

VERY WELL!

GGH

GLORY TO TOSHI-MON AND MARIA!

"THE LAST ADVENTURE", "BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID", "JULES AND JIM"...

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY: A WOMAN BETWEEN TWO MEN!

"DA. YO. NE"

"SOYANA", "DREAMS COME TRUE"!!!

TH-REE!

FRIENDSHIP! EFFORTS! VICTORY! KERO KERO!!! TEAM WORK!

THERE ARE THREE OF US!

12

OH HH H...

OH_

YEAH! THAT WILL DO!

WHY NOT_ MARIA IS CHARMING, IF YOU WANT.

HEH HEH!

SHAKE HANDS.

OOO OUCH!

A...A HAND-SHAKE!

IT'S THE MARK OF FRIEND-SHIP!!!

THE KAMIYO-DOGAWA BRIDGE IN KYOWA, ON NATIONAL ROUTE 13, IS HERE!

...CAN'T YOU KILL THEM?

WHY ...

AT THE BARRICADE ON THE SCENE, THERE ARE TEN POLICE CARS AND FIFTY-SEVEN INVESTIGATORS.

THE TRAFFIC REGULATION AND THE EVACUATION OF THE NEARBY RESIDENTS ARE ABOUT TO BE COMPLETED

I'M WELL AWARE OF THEIR FEELINGS. SO IN ORDER TO MOTIVATE THE STAFF AT THE SCENE ..

AND THE PEOPLE THERE ARE THINKING ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE HOSTAGE AND OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA..

B BUT.. NPA HAS FLOODED US WITH WARNINGS.

HJH?

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...I ESTABLISH A NEW JUSTICE, A DECISION WHICH I WILL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR.

THERE ARE ALSO NEW FACTORS ATTESTING HER COMPLICITY IN THE ACTIONS OF THE TWO CRIMINALS.

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SHOOT ALL THREE WITHOUT HESITATION! SHE IS WITH THEM!

NAKAMATSU HAS BEEN ALONGSIDE TOSHI-MON FOR A LONG TIME NOW. SHE IS STRONGLY SUSPECTED OF TAKING PART IN THE ATTACK ON THE POLICE STATION WEST OF AOMORI.

SHE IS YUMIKO NAKAMATSU. 22 YEARS OLD

THE YOUNG WOMAN ON BOARD OF THE FUGUTIVES' VEHICLE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.

...OF JUSTICE !!!*

IN ENGLISH 18

...ENEMY*

YOU ARE WITH US!

130 BORN TO DIE

HYA AH !!!

SFX: ONE MORE! SHOOT!*

SFX: GU AA AH

IT... IT VIBRATES!

...VI-BRATES TOO MUCH!

THE MA-CHINE —

AHHHH!!!

WA AA AH

UU AR GH

AA AA H

A H

A H

BUA AAR GH

FL- ORTCH FL- ORT- CH

UA AA H

AHAHAHAHA

I'M GONNA DIE!

IT'S OVER! WE WILL DIE!

WE WILL ALL DIE!

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!
130 BORN TO DIE
NO!
BLARF
DIE !!!
KILL THEM.

AT YOUR SERVICE!

KILL THEM !!!

AT YOUR SERVICE!

THINK OF THE GRUDGE OF ALL THEIR VICTIMS !!!

AT YOUR SERVICE! AT YOUR SERVICE!

THE WOMAN ON BOARD OF THE VEHICLE, YUMIKO NAKAMATSU, IS THEIR ACCOMPLICE!!!

WE, POLICEMEN, NEED NEVER FORGET THE BASIS OF OUR ACTIONS!!!

TO SELL A LIE FABRICATED FOR JUSTICE, ALL THAT TO JUSTIFY THE ORDER TO KILL, I CALL THIS TERRORISM!!! TOSHI-MON COULDN'T DO WORSE!!!

WELL PLAYED, TOSHI-MON!

YEAH!

SERIOUSLY, THIS REALLY SUCKS! THEY HAVE KILLED HUNDREDS PEOPLE WHO HAVE CROSSED THEIR WAY!

THEY ARE COMPLETELY NUTS! THIS ROCKS!

*TOSHI MONSTER CAPE CONTINUES

THE HELICOPTER ARE ON THEIR TAIL!! THE TARGET IS 3KM AWAY IT'S JUST PASSED UGOSAKA!!

THEY DO NOT CARE ABOUT YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW THEY LIVE FOR THE PRESENT!!!

COME ON! RUN AWAY!

GO WILD!

POLICEMEN!!! PLEASE DON'T KILL THEM !!!

CHARISMA? HEROES?

DIE !!!

I'M BLEEDING... EVERYWHERE!

I'LL BLEED OUT AND DIE!

DI-

LIVE... THROUGH EVERYONE ELSE.

MOM-CHAN. I-I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

I AM FALLING !!!

HEE HEE!

HE'S COM-ING OUT !!!

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EVALU-
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IMPOS-
SIBLE
!!!

NEAR
BY!

県田秋

THEY'RE
COMING
!!!

IT'S
THE
HELI-
COP-
TER!

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TANCE
P

THERE THEY ARE!

!!!

WE LIVE !!!

AH AH AH AH AH

WE LIVE !!!

WE LIVE !!!

WE LIVE !!!

WE LIVE !!!

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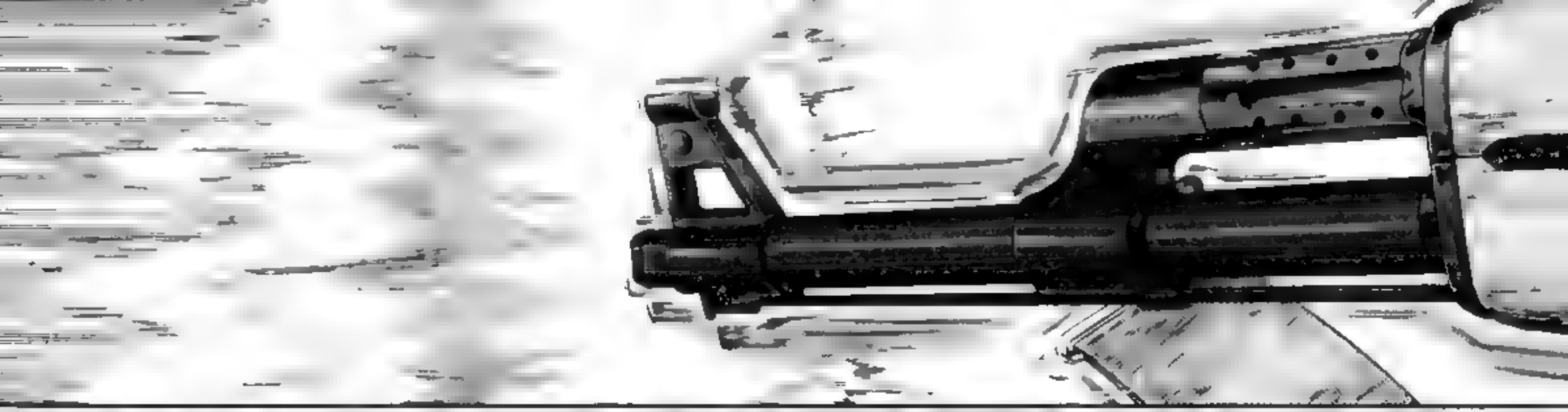
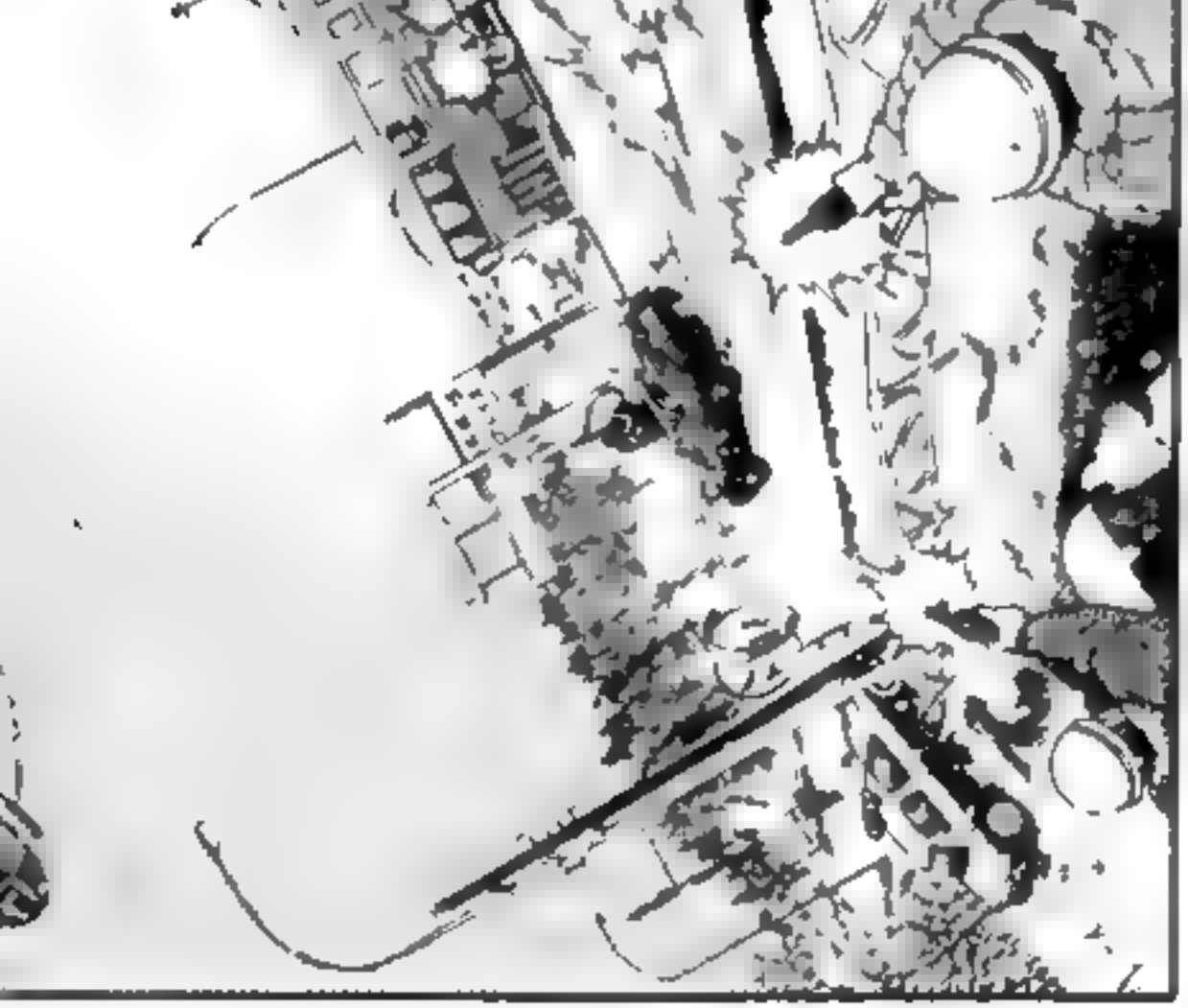
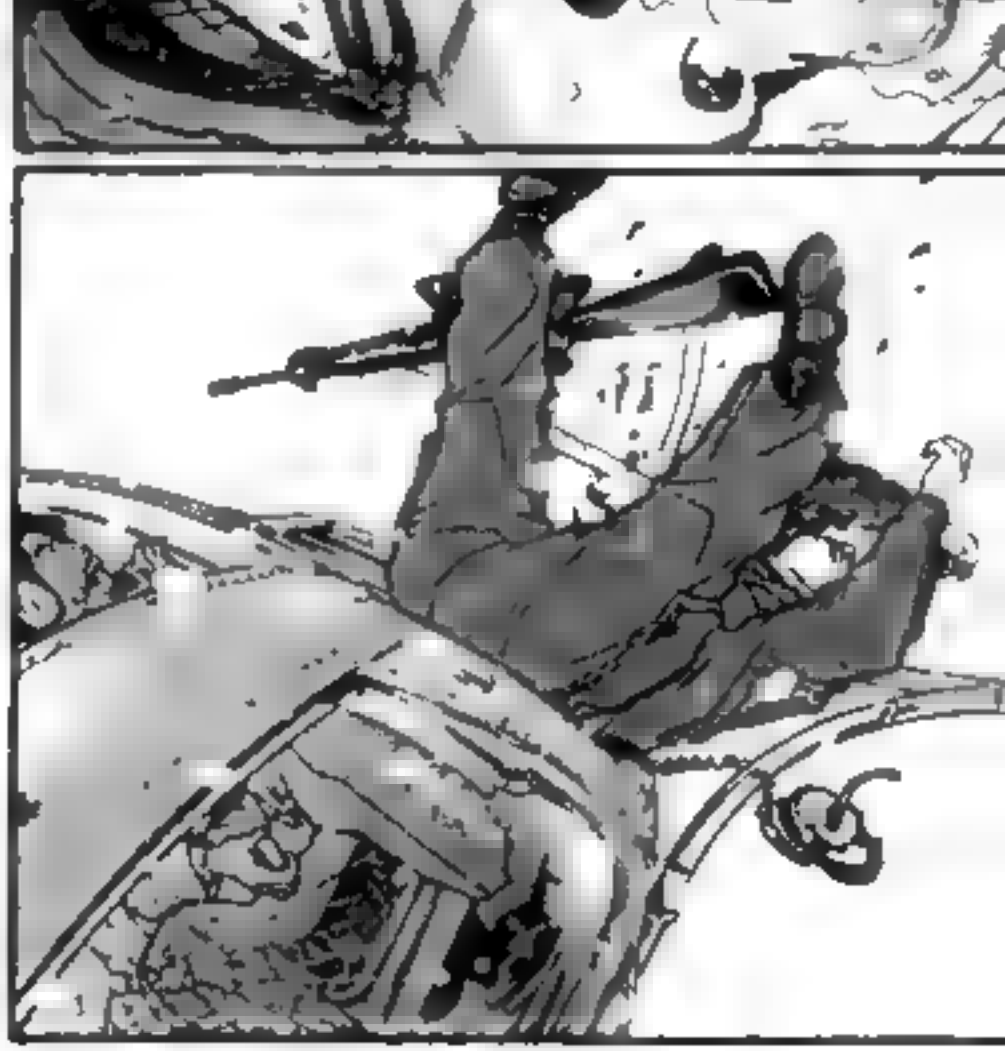
MON-CH...

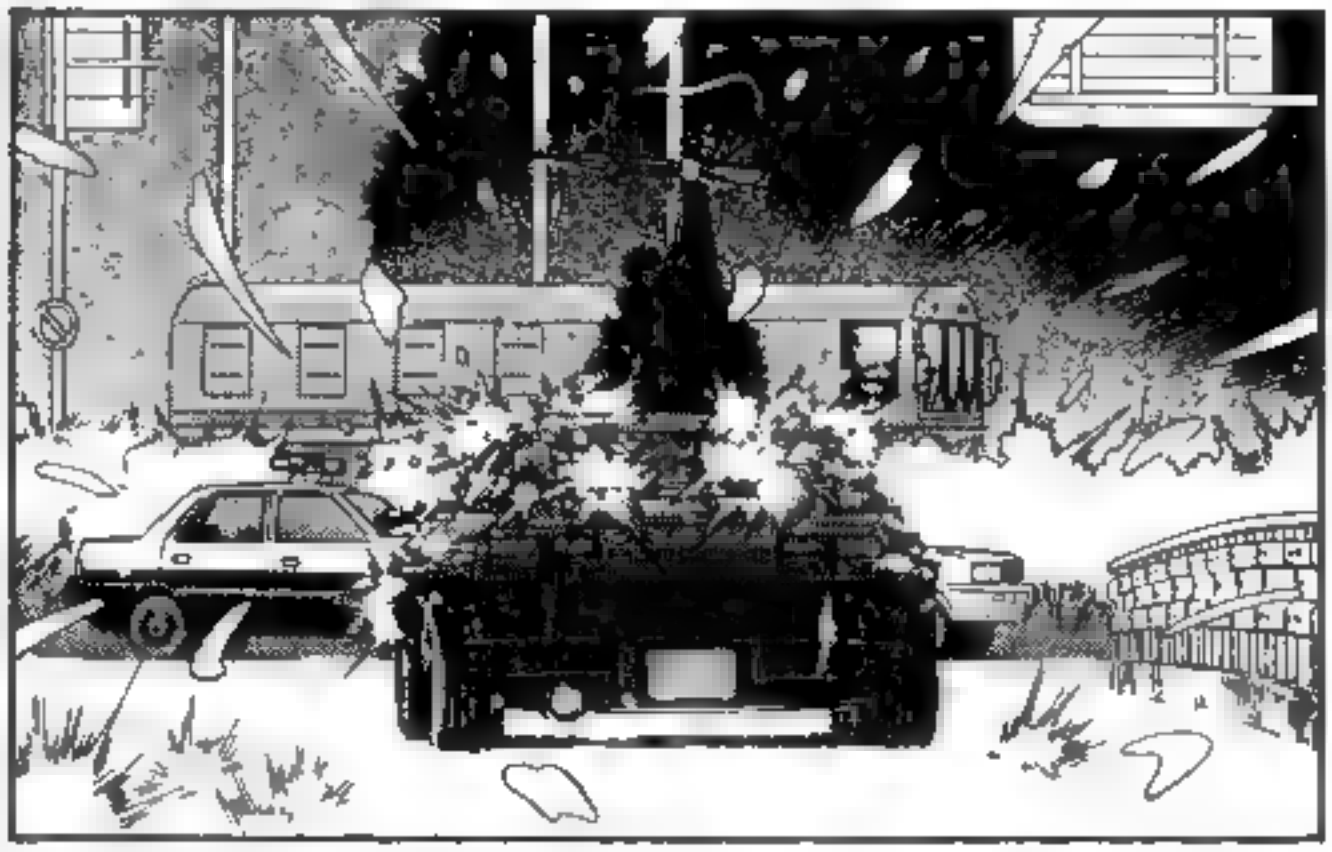
FIRE !!!

ACCEL-ERATE !!!









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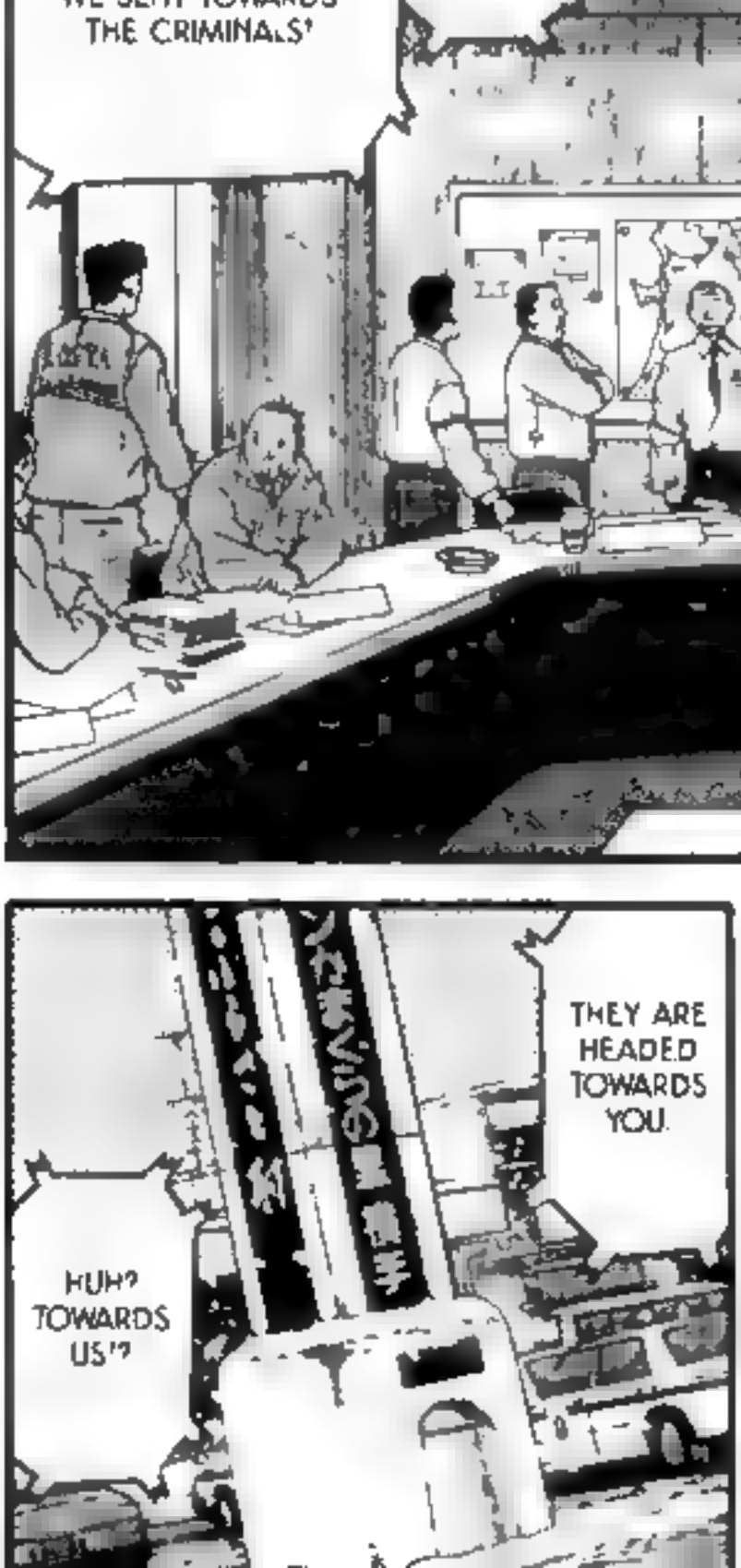
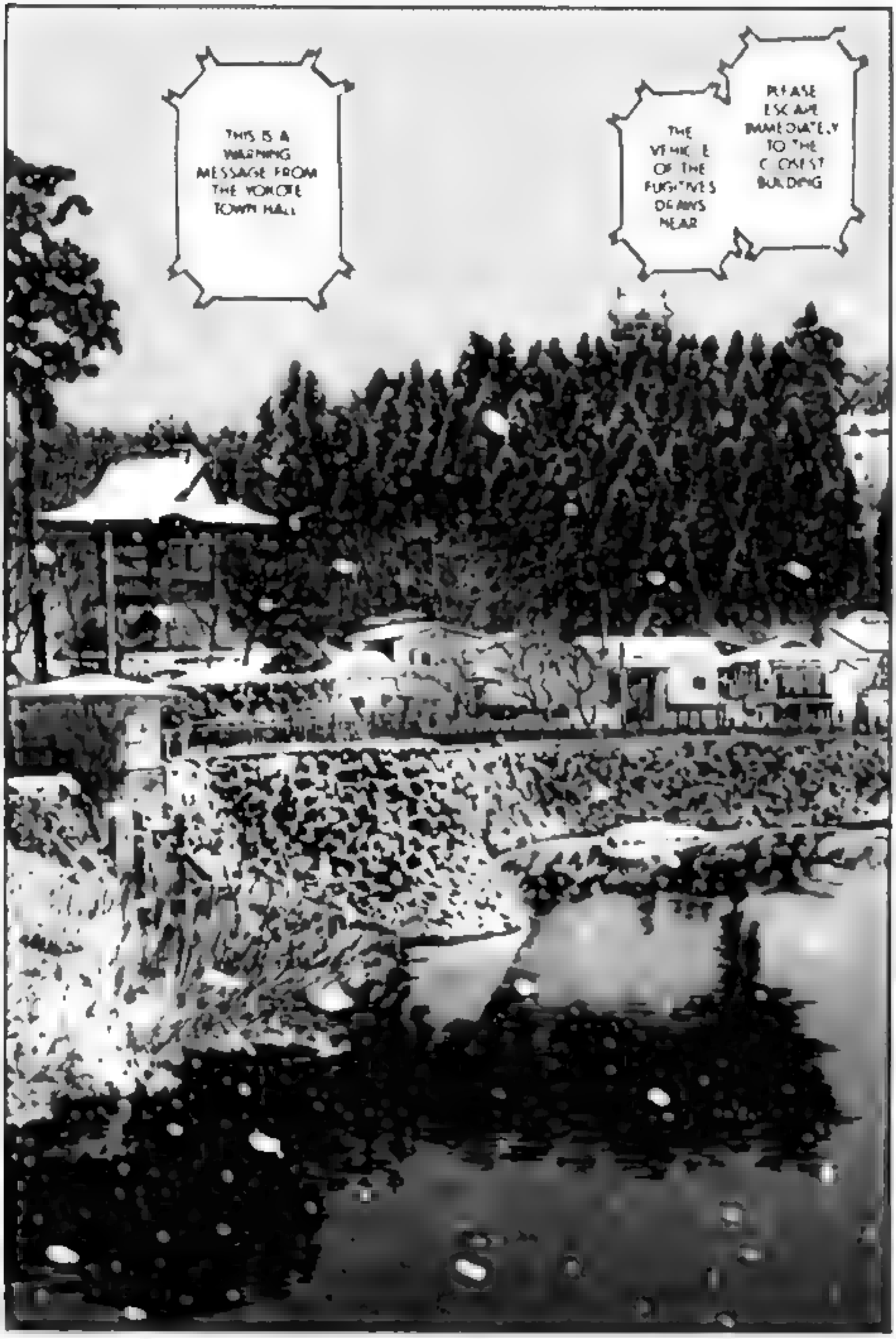
131 APPEAL OF THE DECISION

>THE PRODIGIES TOSHI-MON ARE DRIVING AT A BREAKNECK SPEED ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY!!!

>WHAT? SERIOUSLY? GIVE DETAILS, BEAUTY OF AKITA'

...MON. WHO WAS HALFWAY OUT OF THE VEHICLE, HADN'T BEEN TOUCHED BY ANY OF THE 300 BULLETS WE SENT TOWARDS THE CRIMINALS'
IN THE WORDS OF THE SURVI-VORS..
DEAD AND WOUNDED COMBINED THE HELICOPTER CRASH HAS CAUSED 40 VICTIMS AMONG THE POLICE FORCES OF THE AKITA PREFECTURE.




THIS IS A
WARNING
MESSAGE FROM
THE VOICOTE
TOWN HALL
THE
VEHICLE
OF THE
FUGITIVES
DRAWS
NEAR
PLEASE
ESCAPE
IMMEDIATELY
TO THE
CONTEST
BUILDING

GET DOWN! ON THE GROUND !

CAPA !!!

PULITZ-ER FOR ME!

THEY-RE COMA-ING!

CAPA!

SHOOT!

SHOOT!

MON

SH

TO

ONE. TWO. THREE.

>THERE'S ONLY A DISCUSSION ON THE DEATHS HERE?

>SHOULD NAME THE THREAD LIKE THIS. YES...

OKAAY!

TIGHTEN IT BETTER!

>THEY LIVE THIS MOMENT FULLY! (I SAID IT!!!)

>(^0^) (^0^) (^0^) YES, IN A SPECTACULAR MANNER!!!

WE LIVE!!!

SHUT IT! WE ARE ALMOST OUT OF GAS!

131
APPEAL OF THE DECISION

INSPEC-
TOR
SHIOMI,
AMORI
PREFEC-
TURE
POLICE
!!!

IN-
SPEC-
TOR
!!!

THIS
WAY,
INSPEC-
TOR!

THIS IS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MR YAKUSHIJI

THE OTHERS ARE HEADING FOR AKITA !!!

WERE YOU CLOSE ?

THERE'S JUST ONE AMBU-LANCE?!

THE HELICOP-TER... WAS SHOT DOWN...

OH! ARE YOU LISTENING? TELL ME YOUR NAME !

MR TAKA-HASHI! MR TAKA-HASHI!

WHAT ?

A CALL FROM CENTRAL !!!

I WOULD LIKE TO KILL THEM !!

IT BU-RNS!

THERE IS A BASIC...

QUESTION FROM THE POLICEMAN THAT I AM:

HO... HOW IS THE HOSTAGE?

IT WAS IN THE FIRE.

ARE YOU OKAY?

TOSHI! THERE ARE NO MORE BULLETS !

WE LIVE!!!

HA HA !!!

NO MORE !!!

NO MORE ?

132 Strong Heart

THE ESCAPE OF TOSHI-MON CONTINUES. THEY ARE CURRENTLY...

AKITA
KYOWA
NISHISENBOKU
YUWA
KAMIOKA
SEN-BOKU
SENHATA
IWATE PREFECTURE
IWAKI
AKITA PREFECTURE
NANGAI
OMAGARI
ROKUGO
SENNAN
OUCHI
OMORI
TAIYU
YOKOTE
SANNAI
OMONO-GAWA
HIRAKA
HIGASHI-NARUSE

AN AK-47 HAS BEEN DISCOVERED ON THE ROADWAY IN THE HEIWA DISTRICT, CITY CENTRE OF YOKOTE!

PAN

AAH

*SANNAI

CITY OF AKITA
OFFICES OF AKITA PREFECTURE

THEY LEFT YOKOTE, TURNED LEFT ON THE NATIONAL ROUTE 107, AND ENTERED SANNAI-!!

FIFTEEN MORE KILOME-TERS AND THEY WILL BE IN THE IWATE PREFEC-TURE!

LUPIN

BUT WHY DID YOU THROW IT OUT? EVEN WITHOUT BULLETS, WE COULD HAVE ALWAYS USED IT TO THREATEN PEOPLE!!!

DON'T LET THEM LEAVE THE PREFECTURE! THEY SHALL DIE IN AKITA!

CHIEF OF AKITA'S POLICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE CRYSIS UNIT OF THE CITY OF ODATE

JOJI SUGAHARA

I'LL BE OUT OF GAS AND OUT OF BLOOD !!!

SHIT !

IT HURTS !

KILL THEM ALL

MR GOVERNOR! ON THE PHONE!

TOKYO NPA

GIVE ME SUGAHARA!!!

NO, GIVE ME THE GOVERNOR!

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GOVERNOR OF AKITA JISSEI KUSATSU

YOU MUST STOP SUGAHARA!

YES, KUSATSU THE SMILING HERE! JISSEI KUSATSU, AT YOUR SERVICE !!!

YES, SUGAHARA! THE ONE WHO GAVE THE ORDER TO OPEN FIRE WITHOUT SECURING THE SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGE, THE ONE WHO LIED ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE HOSTAGE... I CAN GO ON!

I AM SPEAKING ABOUT SUGAHARA WHO LOST HIS MIND!

NPA HEAD OF PUBLIC SAFETY MASAMI FUJISHIMA

DO YOU KNOW YOU WILL BE FIRED? ANSWER, SUGAHARA!

DID ...

DID YOU HEAR ?

SUGAHARA! PICK UP THE BLOODY PHONE!

SUG-AHA-RA !!!

!!

CIVIL VEHICLES, BOARDS, USED MATERIALS, USE EVERYTHING YOU CAN FIND !!!

My decision is made.

50

TOKYO
RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

CURRENT CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY HAS BEEN APPOINTED ACTING PRIME MINISTER

AN EMERGENCY COUNCIL OF THE MINISTERS HAS BEEN IMMEDIATELY CONVOKED HERE IT'S BELIEVED TAKEHIKO HAMAGUCHI

. . THAT THE TWO CRIMINALS, TOSHI-MON. STILL ON THE RUN, HAVE ENGAGED IN A WANTON SHOOTING OUTSIDE AKITA'S TRAIN STATION.

WHILE EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT THE ATTACK LAST NIGHT ON PRIME MINISTER YURI AT TOKYO DOME, WE LEARNED THIS MORNING.

4

YOU THINK THIS WILL BE ENOUGH ?

ANY-THING ELSE?

A KNIFE! ONE CHARGE OF C-4!

NINE PINE-APPLES!

TWO TOKAREV WITH 54 BULLETS!

IT WILL BE ENOU-GH !!!!

OF COURSE IT WILL BE ENOUGH YOU ARE CORRECT, MARIA.

IT'S TRUE

WITH AN ARMY OF 100 MONS, ONE COULD DESTROY THE WORLD .

"MAGNET JOE OBSERVED [ON THE RIGHT]
MEANS MAGNET JOE [ON THE LEFT]

BEEP
BEEP

AKITA SANNAI OISHI

132 Strong Heart

A SHALLOW EARTHQUAKE AFFECTING YUDA, IN THE IWATE PREFECTURE IS REPORTED
...AS WELL AS SANNAI AND HIGASHINARUSE, IN THE AKITA PREFECTURE.
TOKYO
JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY

AHA HA HA HA

SH HH !

WH-AT?

THEY SAID IT WAS A 4!

..HIGASHI-NARUSE YUDA. MAGNITUDE 3.

MUM !!!

SANNAI. AKITA PREFEC-TURE. MAGNI-TUDE 4

EITHER WE TAKE THE VAN OR WE HIDE HERE. NO LUCK...

CURRENT POSITION: OISHI, IN SANNAI— WHAT? YES, I AM ON A BICYCLE!

IMMEDI-ATELY ASKING FOR RE-INFORCE-MENTS!

FUGITIVES' VEHICLE SPOTTED! BEGIN THE PURSUIT IN THE DI-RECTION OF MITSU-MATA !!!

HA HA!

FOURTY BULLETS LEFT

KIOKIOKIO

WHAT ?!

PEE-PEE.

NOW WE GEAR UP: CLOTHES AND FOOD.

MON-CHAN... WHAT DID I WANT TO SAY?

PARA-LYZED.

MY RIGHT ARM IS FINISHED.

MOUN-TAIN AND SNOW, HERE WE GO AGAIN.

WHAT WAS IT? AH YES. DON'T FORGET THE CAN OPENER.

MARIA! CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES! AND HURRY UP!

MARIA !!!

YOU ARE GOING TO .

COME ON, DON'T WASTE TIME.

A...

GUN

SHOT

39 BULLETS. LEFT.

16

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE IN THESE MOUNTAINS ...

HUH ?

DON'T DAWDLE, CHANGE YOUR CLO-THES.

OUCH ...

WE LIVE.

YOU ARE RIGHT

IT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY NOT WORTH IT TO KILL HER

WHAT? ARE YOU KIDDING?

HEH HEH THAT'S WHAT'S FUNNY

133 HUMAN-ISM

ANS-WER

LIVING IS SO SWEET. LIFE IS SO SHORT.

LEAVE IT... IT'S A WASTE OF OUR AMMUNI-TION.

WAITING FOR REINFORCEMENTS, OFFICER MAMMORU FURUYA, 28 YEARS OLD, FOUND FEELINGS PREVIOUSLY BURIED UNDER THE WEIGHT OF HIS EVERYDAY LIFE.

ANSWER

LOOK IN FRONT OF YOU, MARIA.

"LIFE NEVER STANDS AWAY FROM THE ABYSS THAT IS DEATH." ONE THING BROUGHT HIM BACK TO THIS SENSATION.

THAT THING... WAS TOSHI-MON.

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133 HUMAN-ISM

GET TO THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY

ASK FOR ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENTS

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THEY ..

THEY FLED TO THE MOUNTAIN!!!

WE CONFIRM THAT THE OFFICER ON THE SCENE, WHO DIDN'T RESPOND TO OUR CALLS, IS ALIVE AND WELL!

HE'S ALIVE. WE CONFIRM HE'S ALIVE!

MOUNT TEKURA

DAM OF OSHI

TOSHI-MON, WHO ARE THREE IF WE COUNT THE YOUNG WOMAN, TRAVEL ON FOOT AND ARE CURRENTLY ON MOUNT TENKJRA!

IN THE HOUSE THEY BROKE INTO..

THERE WERE FOUR DEATHS BY SHOOTING PRESUMABLY THE RESIDENTS!

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AS SOON AS THE DIRECTION, TAKEN BY THE FUGITIVES, IS CONFIRMED TO US, ALL AVAILABLE MEN SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THEIR PURSUIT!

SE- SEND US REINFORCE- MENTS IMMEDIATE- LY!!!

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AND NO MORE PLASTIC EXPLO-SIVES.

EIGHT BULLETS LEFT IN THE MAGAZINE OF THIS TOKAREV.

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TOSHI! I LOST THE GUN!

OUR ARSENAL THUS AMOUNTS .

...TO A TOKAREV WITH 32 BULLETS .

. 9 PINE-APPLES, ONE KNIFE ..

...AND THAT'S IT

ON THE BRIDGE WHERE WE TOOK DOWN THE HELICOPTER, I REALIZED THAT THESE POLICEMEN WERE THERE TO KILL US THEY LOOKED LIKE ENRAGED YAKUZA.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE'S THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHO'LL SEND 1000 PEOPLE, 2000 AT WORST, IN THESE MOUNTAINS TO TRACK US DOWN.

THEY EVEN WENT AS FAR AS TO TARGET MARIA. THIS PROVES THAT SHE IS NOT A HOSTAGE IN THEIR EYES.

THEY EVEN WE...

WE ARE TOGETH-ER!

OUCH, OUCH!

WE ARE TO-GETH-ER!

AND YOU ARE NOT EVEN AFRAID?

I'M AFR-AID!!!

I'M AFR-AID!

HA HA!

I'M AFRAID!!!

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IN MY OPIN-ION_

THE FOREST ROAD IS COM-PLETELY BLOCKED BY SNOW AND LAND-SLIDE!

_THEY WERE THE ONES WHO CAUSED THE EXPLOSION WE JUST HEARD, TO BLOCK OUR WAY!

WE MUST PREPARE EQUIPMENT FOR THE MOUNTAIN AND SNOW, AND TAKE TIME TO REVIEW THE STRATEGY

YES, YES, YOU ARE RIGHT! WE BETTER NOT UNDERESTIMATE THEM...

W.. WAIT FOR REINFORCEMENTS.

IMPOSSIBLE! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE ANY FURTHER! IT'S NOT!

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IT'S NOT A BEAR OR A WILD BOAR WE ARE HUNTING! TOSHI-MON ARE THE GAME ANIMALS!!!

LISTEN, AT LAST! IT'S ONLY 12!

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PURSUE THEM. THERE IS NOT A SECOND TO WASTE.

I'M AFRAID!

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KILL THEM! IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

HE'S DOING IT AGAIN!

ALL POLICEMEN OF THE PREFECTURE MUST GET TO THE SCENE MOST URGENTLY! THEY MUST DEMAND THE COOPERATION OF SERVICES FOR WATER AND FORESTS, OF THE MAYORS, OF THE FIREMEN, OF THE WHOLE WORLD! THEY MUST PREPARE FOR A PURSUIT IN THE MOUNTAIN AND START MOVING!!!

THE INVESTIGATORS ON THE SCENE MUST GO AFTER THEM IMMEDIATELY!

CHOOSE! WHO ARE YOU AFRAID TO SEE DYING?

FEAR HAS BLINDED YOU! IF THEY ESCAPE US, THERE WILL BE MORE DEATHS!

NOW !!!

BUT MR SUGAHARA... WAIT A BIT!

YOU ORDER PURSUIT AS THE SUN IS SETTING. AT 15:30 ADDING TO THIS THE BAD WEATHER AND YOU UNDERSTAND IT'S A RECIPE FOR DISASTER!

MR SUGAHARA! ALL STAFF MUST BE MOBILIZED BUT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME!

WHO?

US, DAMN IT!

I'M WEARING ORDINARY SHOES! TELL THAT BLOODY NUTTER TO START OFF BY BRINGING ME BOOTS AND SNOW-SHOES!!!

"IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, YOU MUST KILL THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE." THAT'S IT!!!

SO?

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IT'S THE AKITA PREFECTURE POLICE? HELLO! YES? EQUIPMENT AGAINT THE COLD?

BUT WE'RE ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF USING THEM! YES, JUST NOW ONE INSPECTOR PASSED...

YES, AN INSPECTOR FROM AOMORI, WITH A ROAD TAX STICKER ON HIS FACE...

INSPECTOR! DO YOU ALSO NEED SKIS? INSPECTOR!

I NEED THEM FOR 30 MEN!!!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE SIZE!

YES! THE MAYOR OF SANNAI HERE!

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BE CARE-FUL!

PROMISE US THAT YOU WILL STOP THEM!

KILL THOSE BASTARDS !!!

DRA
DRAG
ME
MA-
RIA
MARIA
DRAG
ME

MARIA.

DIE!

MAYBE WE'LL ALL DIE, YOU KNOW.

WELL... DON'T LET YOURSELF GET SHOT

IF I COULD GET RID.

...OF THIS BIZARRE SENSA-TION...

...IT WOULD BE TO BE LIKE YOU, MARIA: CRAZY.

I AM THE QUINTESSENTIAL ORDINARY HUMAN BEING . SO ORDINARY IT MAKES YOU WANT TO VOMIT.

NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, I WILL NEVER MEASURE UP TO MON AND YOU. .

SO WHOEVER DOESN'T FALL INTO MADNESS IS A DEMON? OR IS IT BECAUSE ONE IS CRAZY THAT ONE KILLS?

NOT ALL OF THOSE, WHO GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY BY KILLING, GO CRAZY, FAR FROM IT. SHOULD THIS INDICATE THAT THERE ARE GOOD AND BAD MURDERS?

WE ARE BUT MEN, SO WE HAPPEN TO KILL THEN IS THIS REALLY THE MOST SEVERE OF CRIMES?

AN EARTH-QUAKE !!!

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134 LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

FIFTY BATCHES OF MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT WERE MADE AVAILABLE AND ARE BEING TRANSPORTED AT THE MOMENT.

AN EARTH-QUAKE ?

RE-CEIVED !

TO ALL OFFICERS ON THE SCENE, WAIT FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE STAFF WHO ARE ON THEIR WAY TO YOUR POSITION.

IT APPEARS ALSO THAT AN AVALANCHE OCCURRED

GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT'S CLEAR THAT LAUNCHING IT NOW WILL HAVE THE SOLE EFFECT OF CREATING UNNECESSARY RISKS FOR THE MEN ON THE SCENE.

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, YOU MUST ORDER THE DEFERMENT OF THE TRACKING FOR LATER!

CHIEF! THERE WAS AN AVA-LANCHE!

CHIEF!

WITH

AKITA PREFECTURE POLICE

FURT FURTHERMORE. IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO BE COMPLETELY SURE THAT TOSHI-MON WERE NOT CAUGHT IN THE AVALANCHE DURING THEIR ESCAPE..

WHY NOT PLACE THE MEN DOWN AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN? THE SURVEILLANCE WILL BE MAXIMIZED. THE PLAN MORE EFFICIENT, AND YOU COULD LAUNCH THE TRACKING FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING..

OFFICES OF AKITA PREFECTURE!

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"TO BE KILLED".. BUT. YOU SAY THAT TO SAVE FACE. OR IS IT BECAUSE YOU CRAVE FOR MURDER?

ALL OF THIS WAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERA-TION WHEN I ORDERED FOR THEM TO BE KILLED.

"IS THE GIRL REALLY THEIR ACCOMPLICE?"

"IT WOULD BE JUST SUGAHARA'S IMAGINATION"

"IF SHE'S A HOSTAGE WE ARE SCREWED"

"WITH A SIMPLE KNIFE AND IN A BLINK OF AN EYE HE ALLEGEDLY MURDERED TEN ARMED POLICEMEN"

"HE WOULD ALSO GET OUT SCATTERED FROM A RAIN OF 300 BULLETS"

"BUT ISN'T HE HUMAN?"

"HEH HEH NO, HE'S A PROPHET"

"ARE WE GOING TO KILL THEM? 600 POLICE OFFICERS CONFRONTED THEM IN AOMORI AND THEY GOT AWAY"

"SHHH"

"WHAT NOW"

"THERE IS JUST BEHIND HE ONE WHO COORDINATED THAT OPERATION"

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"I DON'T WANT TO DIE"

"DON'T TELL ME THIS NOW"

NONE.

HU. . HURRY. SHE MUST BE FOUND .

I DON'T SEE MARIA. SHE IS GONE. .

MON-CHAN.

... MON-CHAN.

THERE. . THERE ARE NO MORE WEAP-ONS..

START READING THE MES-SAGE!

TO AVOID ALL MISUNDER-STAND-INGS, I WROTE IT ON PAPER.

BEFORE STARTING THE SEARCH FOR THE SUSPECTS, TOSHI-MON AND THE GIRL, I WILL READ YOU A MESSAGE FROM MR SUGAHARA!!!

IT'S 15:17 !!!

"THEY PUSH THEIR INDIVIDUALISM AS FAR AS KILLING!"

"I AFFIRM MYSELF. THIS PRINCIPLE GUIDES THE ACTIONS OF TOSHI-MON AND CONSTITUTES THEIR STRENGTH!"

"IT'S WHAT WE MUST PROTECT, NOT SOME UNBRIDLED FREEDOM! NOR IS IT THESE HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ARE CONSTANTLY THROWN AT OUR FACES! IT'S ORDER THAT GUARANTEES THE SECURITY OF THE WORLD!!!"

"IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS ORDER! FROM THE ORDER FOLLOWED THE RESPECT OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS! WITHOUT ORDER, HAPPINESS IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL!"

"I SPEAK TO ALL OF YOU! IT'S WITH THE DETERMINATION TO KILL THAT YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH YOUR MISSION!"

"I WILL TAKE ALL RESPONSIBILITY! SHOOT THEM WITHOUT HESITATION BECAUSE YOUR MISSION IS TO SERVE ORDER! SET AN EXAMPLE TO THE PEOPLE, TO THE SOCIETY WHOSE FOUNDATIONS FALTER!"

"KILL THEM", "KILL THEM" HE CHANTS THIS AS SOME SORT OF SUMMONING RITUAL!

EXCUSE ME.

WE ARE DEALING WITH TOSH-MON AND THE SUN IS ABOUT TO SET. WHAT DOES HE WANT US TO DO?

SERVING ORDER, OKAY, BUT THIS I WON'T ACCEPT!

THE COWBOYS WILL DRAG US DOWN.

AND THE LIFE OF THOSE WHO SECURE ORDER, IS IT GUARANTEED ?

EASY, SPEAKING FROM HIS OFFICE DESK.

HUH ?

UN .. UNREST IS SPREADING AMONG THE RANKS....

! HAVE AN OBJECTION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THIS OPERATION. I'D LIKE TO PRESENT IT TO MR SUGAHARA.

I AM SHIOMI, FROM THE AOMORI PREFECTURE POLICE.

REFUSE.

UH ...

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

I HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK ABOUT THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS WITH TOSHI-MON!

WHAT THE ORDER NEEDS RIGHT NOW IS FOR THE LIFE, THAT CAN TO BE SAVED, TO BE SAVED!!!

SHE . SHE'S NOT BREATH-ING.

I AM NOT REQUIRED TO RE-SPOND.

HE SAID: "I QUESTION THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE INFORMATION THAT HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE YOUNG WOMAN IS THEIR ACCOMPLICE THINK IT WAS FABRICATED"!!!

...WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE SAME SITUATION: NUMEROUS PEOPLE HAVE DIED UNDER OUR COMMAND!

NOWA-DAYS, YOU AND ME...

WHY DIDN'T YOUR MESSAGE MENTION THE YOUNG WOMAN EVEN ONCE, MR SUGAHARA? ARE YOU GIVING THE ORDER TO KILL HER WITH THE OTHER TWO?

SHUT IT.

NO RE-SPO-NSE!

"NOW-ADAYS ..."

THAT'S WHAT WAS SAID BY ASSIS-TANT INSPEC-TOR SHOW!

AND AS YOU KNOW, MY HESITATION COSTED THE LIVES OF 42 OF MY MEN!

AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK ON THE POLICE STATION WEST OF AOMORI, ONE OF MY MEN WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE BY TOSHI-MON. I STILL BELIEVED HE WAS ALIVE, SO I HESITATED TO OPEN FIRE, IN ORDER FOR HIM TO BE SPARED!

"THUS I PROVED I AM NOT WORTHY OF BEING AN INSPECTOR !!" IS WHAT HE SAID

BUT ON MY OWN, I CHOSE NOT TO GET MY MEN SHOT!

NPA AND MY SUPERIORS LOBBIED THAT I DON'T GIVE THE ORDER TO OPEN FIRE IF I HAD BEEN RESOLUTE, I COULD HAVE CHOSEN TO IGNORE THESE ORDERS!

"ALL THESE SACRIFICES TO SAVE A SINGLE PERSON?" IS THE ANSWER.

DO YOU NOT WANT TO END THIS AB-SURDITY?

SO WHAT?

MON-CHAN! I KNOW HOW TO PERFORM IT, MON-CHAN!

ARTIFICIAL RESPIRA-TION! THAT WILL PROBABLY DO!!!

IT.. IT'LL BE FINE. HER HEART IS STILL BEATING.

I LOOKED INTO MY OWN HEART AND I SAW WHAT MADE IT BEAT.

BUT DESPITE MY STUPIDITY, I THOUGHT ABOUT IT!

OF COURSE I HAVE A DEBT TO THE VICTIMS. OF COURSE I FEEL GUILTY!

ON THE THIRD OF THIS MONTH, I HAD A CHILD! A GIRL! BUT I'VE FORBIDDEN MYSELF FROM TOUCHING HER! I DON'T FEEL I AM WORTHY TO!

I BELIEVE IN A "HIGHER ORDER", THAT ALL PEOPLE SHOULD PROTECT, SO WE MUST LEARN TO BE HUMANS EVEN BEFORE BEING POLICE OFFICERS!

...AND IS CAPABLE OF LOVING, LOVING OTHERS, LOVING THE WORLD!

BUT HUMANS, YOU, ARE THE TYPE OF CREATURE THAT FEEDS ON HOPES AND EXPECTATION, FACES CHALLENGES, SUFFERS, DRAWS LESSONS FROM THE PAST...

EVEN MACHINES AND ANIMALS CAN ACT LOGICALLY!

IN THIS CASE, I SHALL BE THEIR SHIELD, WITHOUT ANY WEAPON !!!

ON THE SCENE, THE INVESTIGATORS RISK THEIR LIFE JUST LIKE HER.

...AND AS HER SAFETY IS NOT GUARANTEED IF IT TURNS OUT SHE IS A HOSTAGE, GIVE THE ORDER NOT TO SHOOT!

AS WE IGNORE WHETHER THIS YOUNG WOMAN IS THEIR ACCOMPLICE OR HOSTAGE...

WHO ARE WE IF WE CAN'T SHOW TO THOSE BORN AFTER US THAT THE HUMAN BEING IS A MARVELOUS THING?

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I ENTRUST THE COMMAND TO THE PEOPLE ON THE SCENE. I WILL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY. THIS OPERATION IS TO BE A SUCCESS!

DON'T DIE.
YOU HAVE TO GO ON LIVING, MARIA!

IT'S... IT'S MY FIRST KISS!

I'LL LET YOU LIVE.

.. SO COME BACK.

MARIA...

THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE SHOULD OVERSEE THE LEVEL OF FATIGUE IN THEIR UNIT, THE METEOROLOGICAL CHANGES, AND THE PREVENTION OF ANY RISK OF ACCIDENTS!

THE COMMAND OF THE OPERATION HAS BEEN ENTRUST-ED!

THAT'S IT! EVERY UNIT AND THEIR PERSON IN CHARGE...

..ON-WARDS!

UNIT 1, LEFT!

UNIT 2, RIGHT!

135 HOPE

YUP! I AM NOT AFRAID! SHE MUST BE SAVED!

I WILL LET YOU LIVE, SO COME BACK!

YOUR LIPS ARE VERY COLD!

Y... YEAH!

SO WE MUST SAVE THIS LIFE!

THERE'S ALREADY BEEN A LOT OF DEATHS!

ON-WARDS!

SPECIAL NEWSFLASH
THE WANTON SHOOTING OF TOSHI-MON IN AKITA!!!

NOTHING BUT ANGER CAN BE FELT AT THE CRIME WHOSE CRUELTY IS UN-MATCHED
WE ARE LIVE IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN STATION IN AKITA WHERE THE MASSACRE BEGAN. BACK TO YOU

BUNNY OKADA

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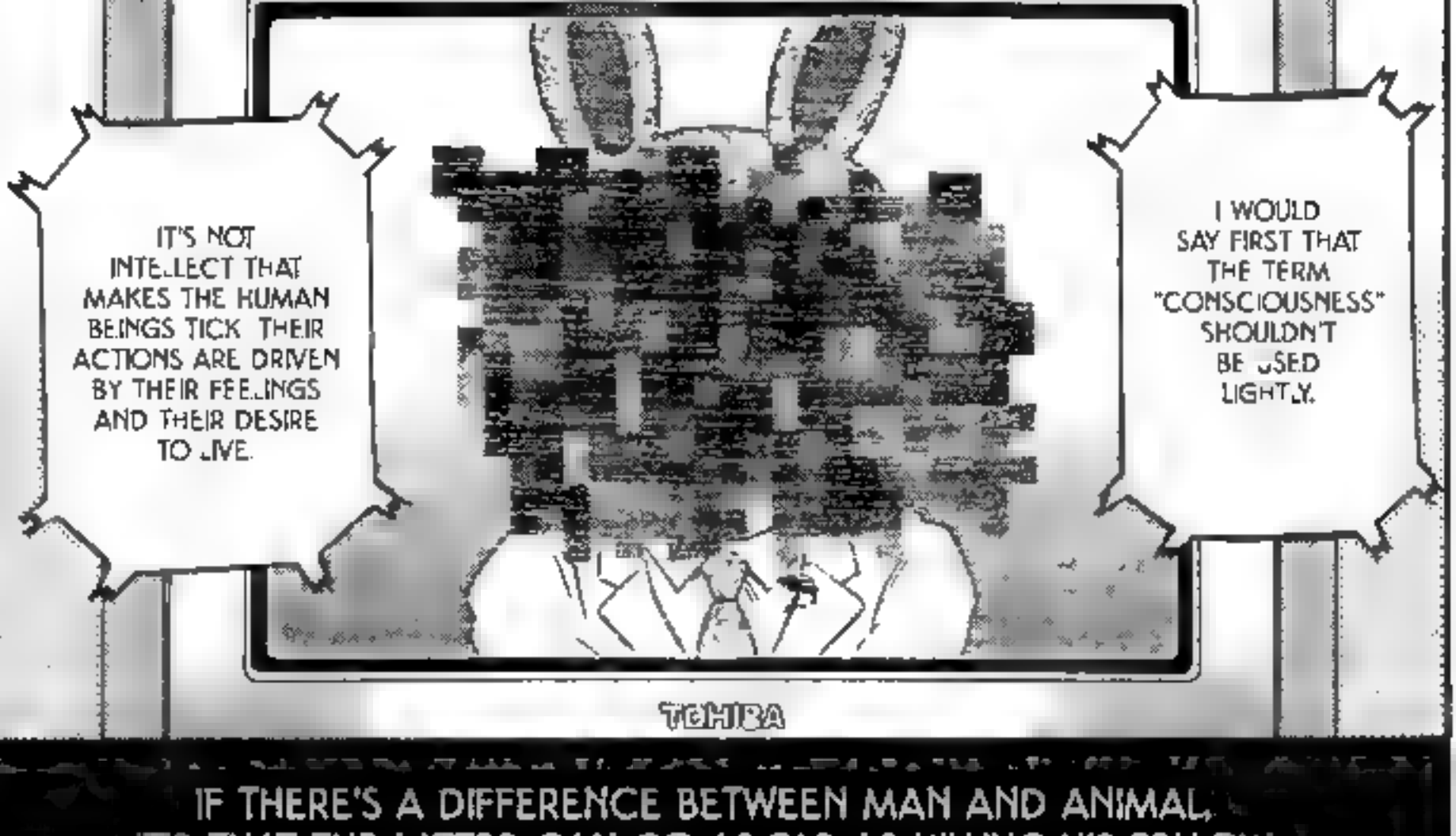
IT'S NOT INTELLECT THAT MAKES THE HUMAN BEINGS TICK. THEIR ACTIONS ARE DRIVEN BY THEIR FEELINGS AND THEIR DESIRE TO LIVE.
I WOULD SAY FIRST THAT THE TERM "CONSCIOUSNESS" SHOULDN'T BE USED LIGHTLY.
TOHIBA

IF THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAN AND ANIMAL, IT'S THAT THE LATTER CAN GO AS FAR AS KILLING HIS FELLOW MEN IN ORDER TO SURVIVE. ONCE A HUMAN BEING, PLACED IN AN EXTREME SITUATION, CROSSES THE LINE, IT BECOMES CAPABLE OF EVERYTHING. THAT'S HOW WEAK AND UNSTABLE OF A FORM OF LIFE IT IS. AND ONCE THE LINE IS CROSSED, IT IS DEVOID OF ANY CONSCIENCE AND ANY SENSE OF SACRIFICE.

135 HOPE

MARIA !!!

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MARIA !!!

MARIA !!!

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IT. IT'S SLIP-PERY!

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WHILE THE NOOSE WAS ABOUT TO TIGHTEN AROUND TOSHI-MON'S NECK, ASSISTANT INSPECTOR JUNICHI SHIOMI FELL ONCE AGAIN VICTIM TO A DILEMMA.

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"IF SHE IS IN FACT THEIR HOSTAGE, I MUST SAVE HER. SHE MUST BE SAVED. BUT WHETHER BY VIRTUE OF FEELINGS, OR BECAUSE OF A DEDICATION TO A MISSION, THE SACRIFICES ARE INEVITABLE. IF ALL THESE MEN BESIDE ME RISK THEIR LIVES, IT'S BECAUSE OF MY OWN IDEALS. THAT'S WHY NOW IS THE TIME FOR ME TO MAKE A CHOICE AND FOLLOW THROUGH. I AM THE ONE WHO IS CORNERED."

THE POLICE PREPARED FOR THE TRACKING, THEY'LL LAUNCH IT TOMORROW MORNING

NO.. THAT'S WHAT I WISH .

THE SUN IS SET-TING.

KEEP HER WARM, HER BODY TEM-PERATURE SHOULDN'T DROP.

MON-CHAN... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THE POLICE ARE GOING TO KILL US.

RIGHT? IN FACT . I DON'T KNOW ..

AND I DON'T BLOODY CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO US. WELL, WHAT HAPPENS TO ME...

BUT WHAT MAKES ME SAY THAT? I HAVE NO IDEA.

AND IF EVERY-THING ENDED HERE?

SINCE WE DON'T HAVE WEAPONS, EVEN A QUICK CONFRONTATION IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. FURTHERMORE, WITHOUT PROVI-SIONS, I DON'T SEE HOW WE COULD SURVIVE IF THIS CONTINUES.

MARIA MUST LIVE. SHE'S THE HOSTAGE. WE MUST TURN HER OVER TO THE POLICE.

OKAY?

NO.

PUT THIS ON HER TOO.

SEEMS LIKE THERE IS BUT US THREE IN THIS WORLD

TOSHI-MON SPOT-TED!

TOSHI-MO_

SHHH!

TOSHI-MON SPOTTED!

TOSHI-MON SPOT-TED!

TOSHI-MON SPOT-TED!

IF THE GIRL WITH THEM IS INDEED THEIR HOSTAGE. THEN OUR TOP PRIORITY IS TO GET HER OUT OF THERE ALIVE!

DON'T CRY.

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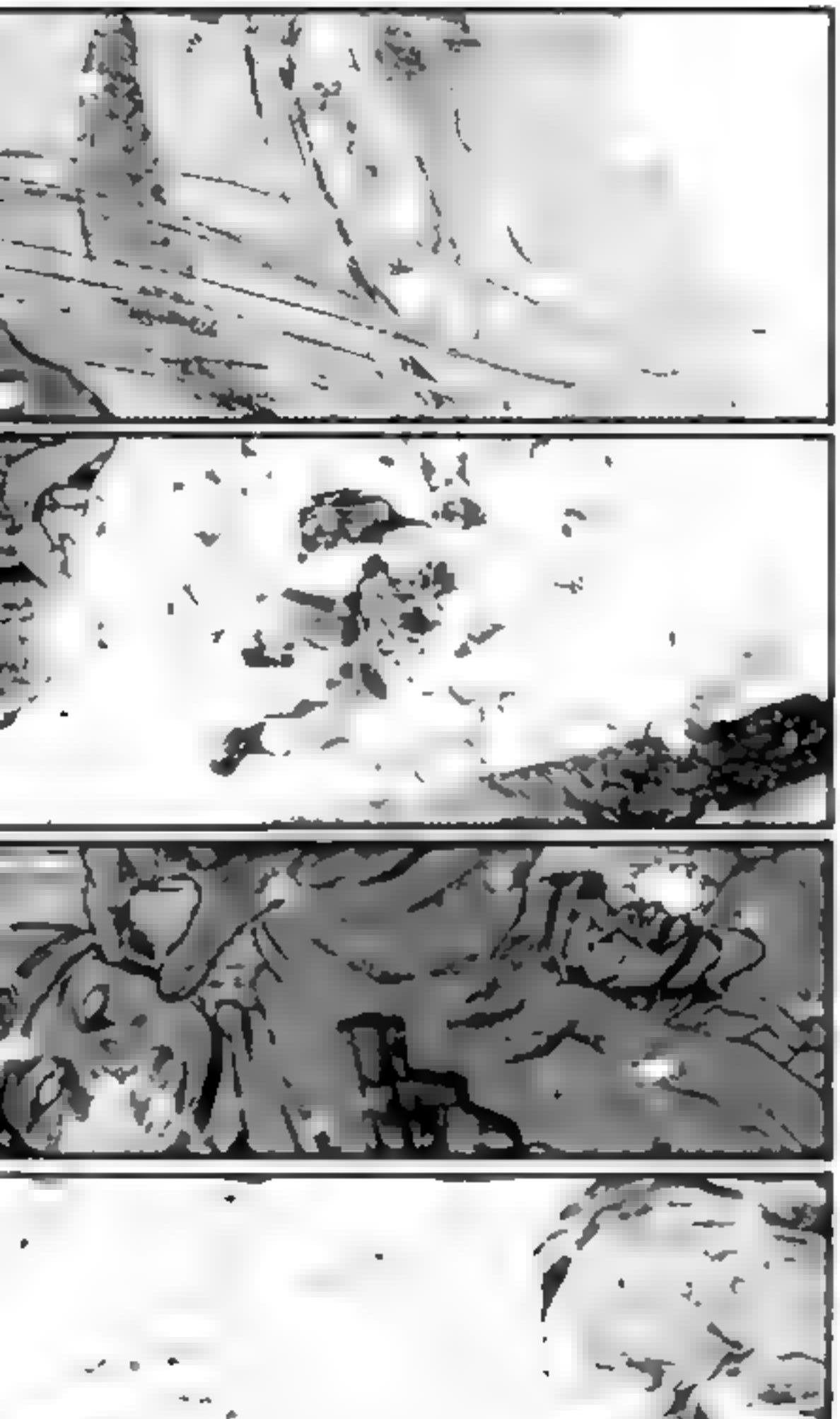

TOSHI-
MON!

YOU HAVE NO-WHERE TO RUN !!!

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OUT!!!

THERE'S NO WAY...

YOU ARE...

...COM-PLETE-LY...

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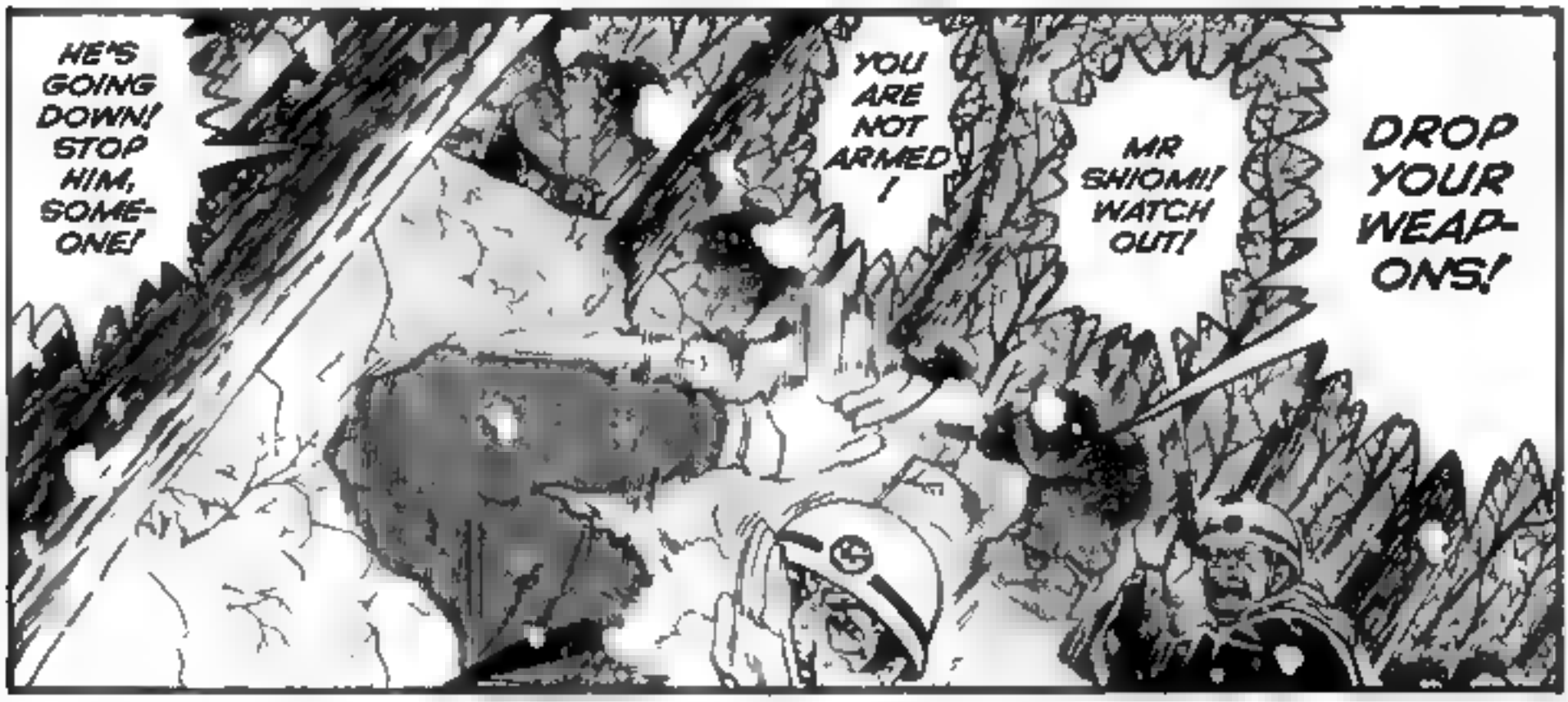
...SUR-ROUN-DED !!!

THE BURNING SPIRIT OF THE FIFTY MEN ON THE SCENE CAN BE FELT.

IN THIS EXTREME SITUATION, EVERYONE SHARPENED THEIR SENSES.
DESPERATELY TRYING TO PROVE THEY ARE ALIVE.



NEVERTHELESS,
THE KNOWLEDGE OF THESE MEN, THEIR WISDOM TOO, WAS TELLING THEM:
HE WAS A "FORM OF EXISTENCE" AGAINST WHICH THEY WERE POWERLESS.

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THAT'S THE REASON FOR WHICH MEN PRAY.
THEY ARE ALSO PRAYING WITHOUT KNOWING WHETHER THEIR PRAYERS ARE HEARD OR NOT.

THEY
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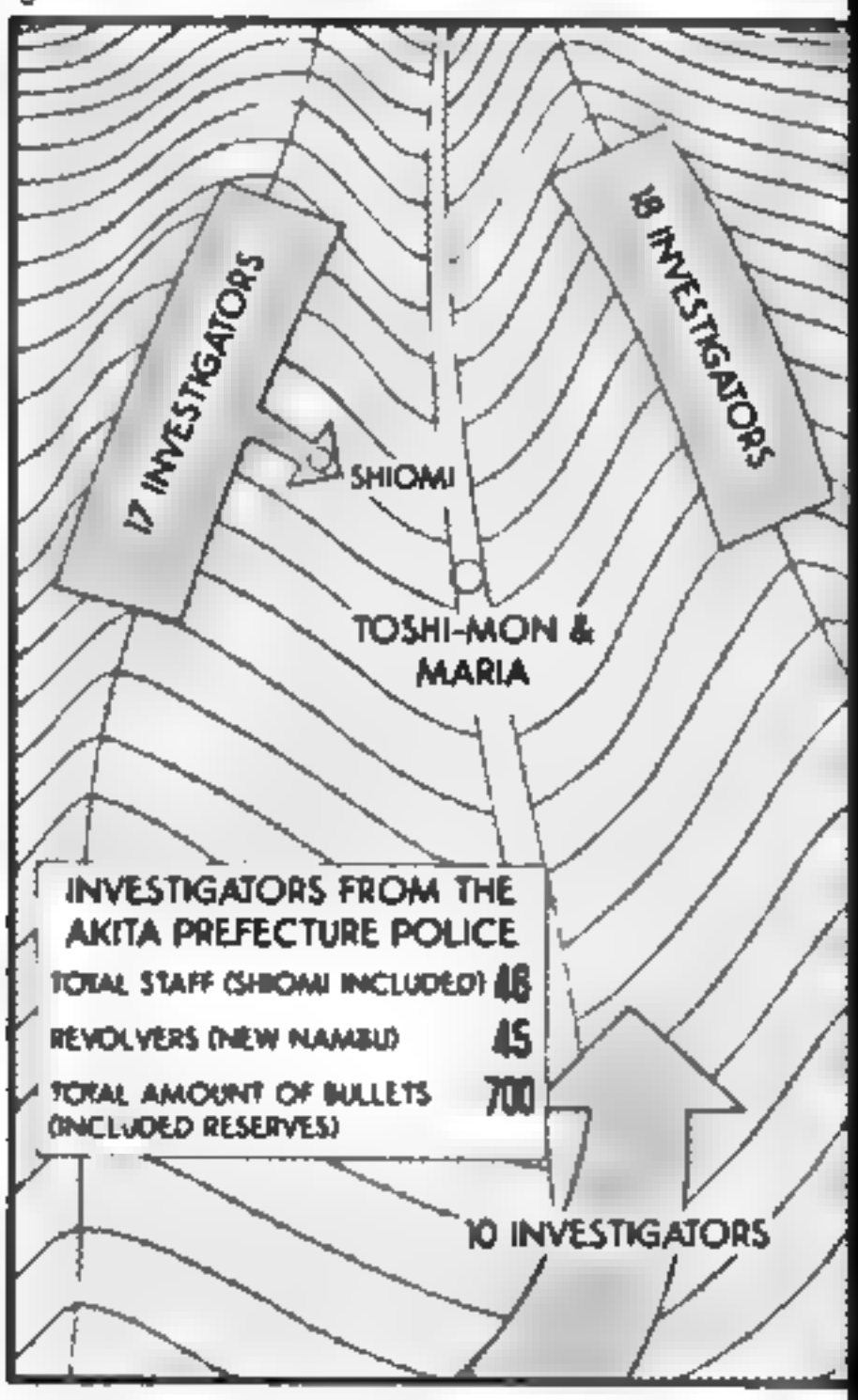

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JESUS, BUDDHA, SCREW YOU!

IT'S US, TOSHI-MON !!!

TOSHI-MON !!!

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR SHIOMI, OF THE AOMORI PREFECTURE POLICE, IS ON THE FRONT LINE...

HE'S APPROACHING TOSHI-MON!

THOSE WHO WANT TO LIVE, BOW !!!

TREMBLE! DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID, FOOLS?

...TERROR LIKE DEATH DOES!
NOTH-ING IN-SPIRES ABSO-LUTE...

WHAT YOU SAY IS SHIT! AND WHO ARE YOU ANYWAYS?

THE ONE WHO ALWAYS TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACTIONS!

I AM THE ONE WHO MADE A CHOICE, AND FOLLOWED IT THROUGH!

FOLLOW MR SHIOMI!

Y-YEAH!

THEY ARE NOT ARMED? BUT THEN...

THERE'S A CHANCE?

HUH?

NOTHING SUGGESTS THEY ARE ARMED.

YAAAAH

ST_ STAY WHERE YOU ARE! I WILL KILL YOU!

SHE'S NOT THEIR HOSTAGE THEN?

SHE'S THEIR ACCOM-PLICE?

WHY ARE THEY NOT USING THE GIRL AS A SHIELD?

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WH .. WHAT ?

IT'S .. IT'S BIZARRE, ISN'T IT?

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HAA

FHH

FHH

IDIOT! THEY'LL TELL YOU SHE'S THEIR HOSTAGE. THAT'S FOR SURE!

YES. THAT'S WHY MR SHIOMI HAS DIFFICULTY ADDRESSING THE SUBJECT...

HOSTAGE OR ACCOMPLICE?

AND IF WE ASKED THEM?

HUM?

MON-CHAN.

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HAA

DON'T KILL THE GIRL! IT'S I WHO KEPT HER ALIVE!!!

DESPITE ALL, I ASK YOU: IS THIS YOUNG GIRL YOUR HOSTAGE OR YOUR ACCOMPLICE?

HOSTAGE OR ACCOMPLICE, WHO BLOODY CARES! ALL I'LL TELL YOU IS NOT TO KILL HER!

AT LEAST DISCLOSE HER IDENTITY!

YES! HER LIFE MUST BE SAVED!

IS THAT YOUR DEMAND? THAT SHE BE SAVED?!

IS...

SHE'S A LIVING HUMAN BEING! AN INNOCENT HIGHSCHOOL GIRL THAT WE PICKED UP IN ODATE! MARIA ABENO! DON'T YOU DARE KILL HER!

NO! IT'S ALL OF US, TOGETHER, WHO WILL SAVE HER!

BUT— BUT IT'S UP TO US TO DECIDE THAT!

IN THE WORLD OF MEN, THERE IS NO ABSOLUTE DESPAIR!

BUT I TOLD YOU... KEEPING HER ALIVE, I DON'T KNOW THAT'S WHAT WILL MAKE HER HAPPY!

I... I STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND HER SITUATION. WHAT SADNESS IT COULD WELL BE THAT SOMEBODY WANTED HER TO LIVE AND HAS KEPT ALIVE?

WHAT IF SHE DIDN'T WANT TO LIVE, HUH?

DON'T SPEAK OF THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW!

IMAGINE A FLOWER! TO CHERISH A FLOWER OF HOPE, THAT'S WHAT MAKES US HUMAN BEINGS. THIS, AND NOTHING ELSE!

THAT SOUNDS WONDER-FUL, TEACHER . .

TELL ME HONESTLY ONE THING. WHAT FATE DO YOU HAVE FOR US..

THE ONES WHO'VE CUT A BUNCH OF THESE FLOWERS?

I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIFE OF THIS YOUNG WOMAN! TURN HER OVER TO US IMMEDIATELY!

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WHY NOT?

IN ANY CASE, I CAN'T GIVE YOU THE GIRL.

BAH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT... I WELL IMAGINE THAT THE DESIRE TO KILL MAY TOO BLOOM SUCH A FLOWER OF HOPE..

THIS BLOKE HAS FORBIDDEN ME!

IF I DO IT, HE WILL SLAUGHTER EVERYONE!

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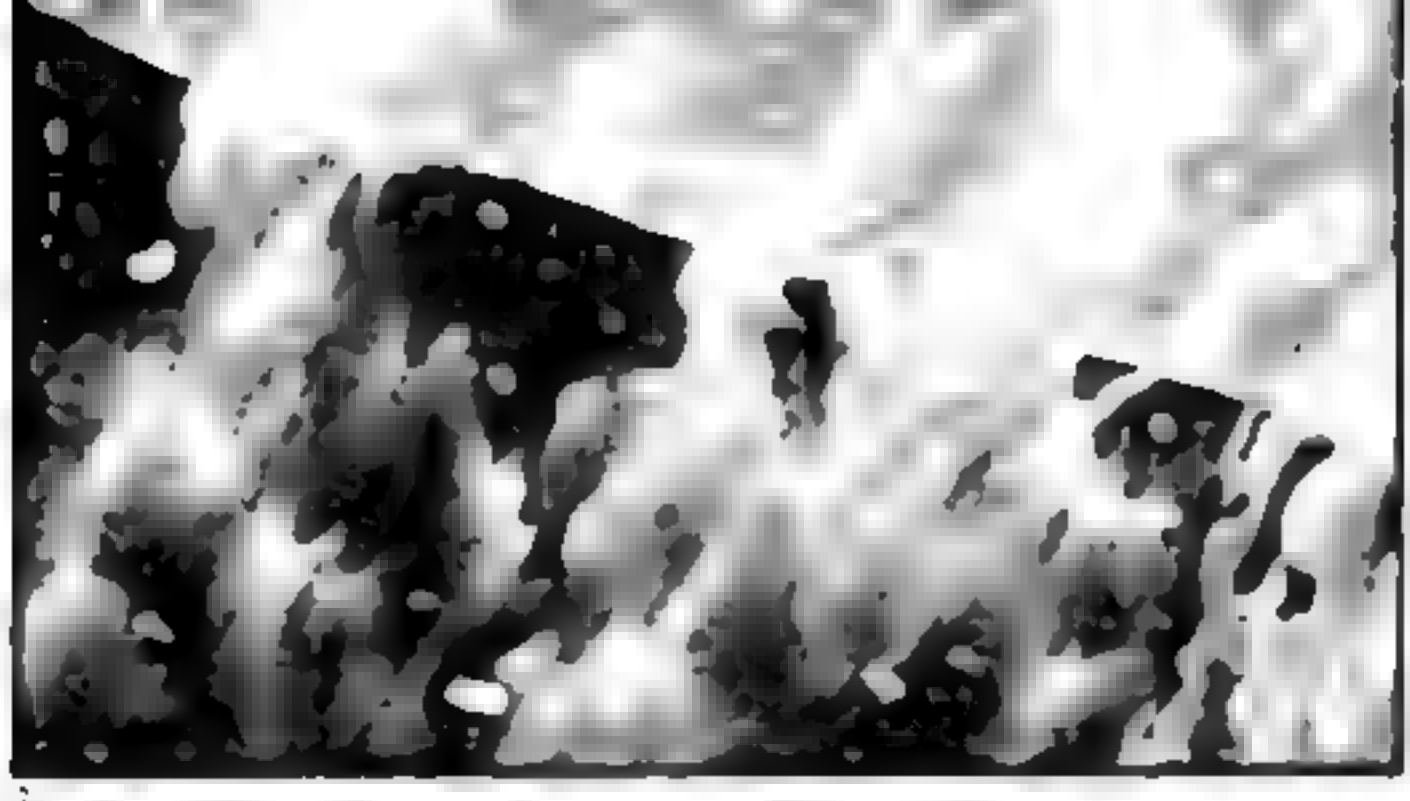

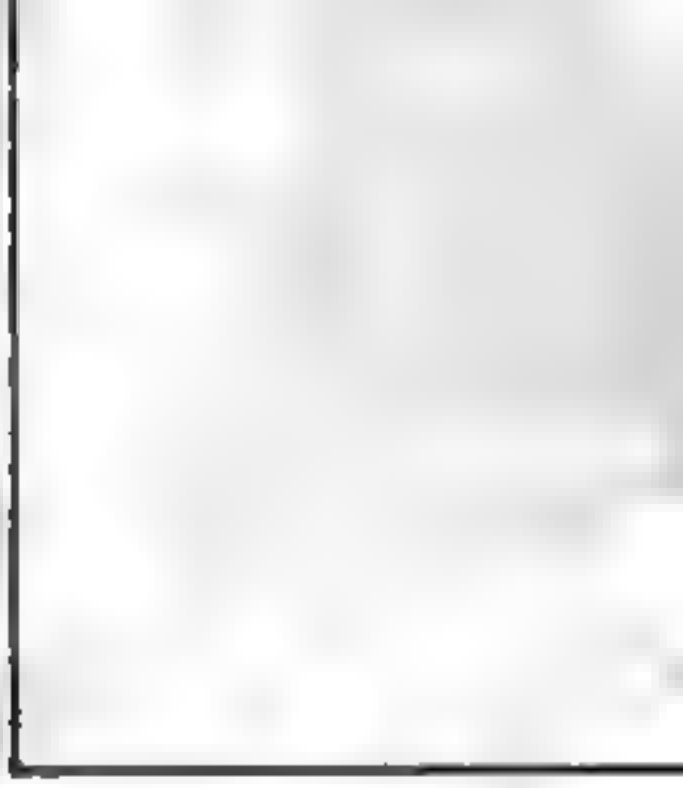

WITHOUT A SECOND'S HESITATION!

...HE WILL KILL YOU ALL, IT'S WHAT HE'LL DO!

DO YOU HEAR? IF HE SAID...

I— TELL ME! I THINK I KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT ARMED!

A FLOWER.

137 BLESSING

BUT TRUST ME, THAT WILL NOT STOP HIM FROM KILLING SO PEOPLE!

THERE— THERE ARE NO WEAPONS! NONE! NOTHING BUT OUR BARE HANDS!!!

I KNOW VERY WELL THAT YOU FIND THIS UNTHINKABLE! I IMAGINE YOUR LOOKS!

I KNOW WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT: HE WILL TAKE 30 PEOPLE WITH A SINGLE SWIPE! 20 MINIMUM! I KID YOU NOT!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, FOLKS?

IT'S NOTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT! IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

THE FIRST 20 OF YOU WILL DIE FOR SURE! LET EVERYONE THINK ABOUT THIS IN THEIR LITTLE HEADS!

ENOUGH COMPLICATED CALCULATIONS!

FIFTY!!!

BUT IF YOU ENGAGE IN THIS DEBATE ON LIFE, IT'S JUST TO SAVE TIME, ISN'T IT?

ARE THESE THREATS, TOSHIYA MISUMI? BY LISTENING TO YOU JUST NOW, I THOUGHT YOU HAVE REALIZED JUST HOW PRECIOUS THIS GIRL'S LIFE WAS!

DON'T... DON'T ANNOY ME! LISTEN!

MO... MO... MON-CHA...!

NO! NO! NO!

THAT'S NOT IT! I MEANT: "SOX!"

WHAT? SOX?

YOU HAVE TO HOLD.. A LITTLE LONGER.

DON'T BLAME ME, MON-CHAN.

I AM SORRY, MON-CHAN.

ISN'T IT MAGNIFICENT? I'VE REACHED ROCK BOTTOM AS A PERSON, BUT I STILL HAVE THIS SOX!

BUT ANOTHER PART, I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHY, WANTS TO SAVE THIS GIRL EVEN THOUGH SHE'S NOTHING TO ME! THIS IS THE 50/50!

I WILL BE FRANK. A PART OF ME WANTS TO GET OUT OF THIS ALONE...

KILLING PEOPLE DOESN'T MATTER TO ME!

THERE'S NO MANUAL! IT'S VERY SIMPLE, IT TAKES NO EFFORT AT ALL! HUMANS DIE WAY TOO EASILY!

TRY TO SEE! I HAVE KILLED, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, BUT NOW I AM SICK OF IT!

SO NOW, BEGIN WITH SURRENDING YOURSELVES, YOU AND THE YOUNG GIRL!

YOU RETURN TO BEING HUMAN! THIS FEELING YOU EXPERIENCE IS PRAISE-WORTHY!

FUCK !!!

SO WHY? WHY IS PROTECTING SOMEONE SO HARD?

AS IF I CAN DO IT! TRY TO UNDER-STAND ME A LITTLE! PUT YOURSELF IN MY PLACE AND YOU WILL SEE!

BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE EITHER, SO YOU WILL FIGHT BACK, WON'T YOU? YOU'LL SHOOT, RIGHT?

IT'S EASY TO THINK ABOUT OTHERS WHEN YOU ARE FINE YOUR-SELF!

MON-CHAN IS WITH US TOO! HE IS DANGEROUS! AND YOU TELL ME TO BETRAY HIM? BUT YOU MAKE FUN OF MY FEELINGS?!

BE... BE BRAVE!

BUT YOU UNDERSTAND JACK SHIT!!!

HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF

I DON'T WANT TO BE IN-VOLVED IN THIS...

AND IT'S NOW

THAT YOU SAY THIS?

DON'T FUCK AROUND OR YOU'LL REGRET IT!

KILL YOUR-SELVES NOW!

YOU'VE KILL 100 TIMES, THAT'S NOT ENOUGH!

THINK OF EVERYONE YOU'VE KILLED!

DON'T FUCK WITH US, YOU BLOODY BASTARDS!

YOU SHOULD BE TREM-BLING WITH FEAR!

CA- CALM DOWN!

THEY SHOULDN'T LIVE!

KILL!

KILL!

KILL!

KILL THEM !!!!

KILL! KILL!

I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE, MON-CHAN.

I CAN'T DO IT FOR ME, IT ENDS HERE. IN THE END, I DON'T HAVE ANY POWER.

SEND HER HERE!

JUST THE GIRL!

TO- TOSHIYA MISUMI!

HURRY, COME AND GET HER YOURSELF! TO WHAT PERCENTAGE ARE YOU DETERMINED?

BUT I'M PROTECTING HER TOO! SO HURRY UP AND HELP ME!!!

FLOWER
LIFE
HATE
STRE-NGTH
FEAR
CHOICE
PUNISH-MENT
DECI-SION
SUDDENNESS
FAMILY
LIVE
DIE
RE-SPONSA-BILITY
HUMAN BEING
MIS-SION
CRIME
PRIDE
MAN
FUTURE

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YET, THEIR HEART IS WEAK

HUMAN HISTORY IS THAT OF POWER

THAT'S WHY MEN ARE LOOKING FOR A TALE OF SALVATION.

OF A TALE THAT WILL TALK TO THEM OF HOPE

IF, IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING,
IT'S ACCEPTED THAT "MAN HAS A
CONSCIENCE FROM BIRTH..."

...THEN THE LIFE STORY OF THIS YOUNG WOMAN IS ONLY THAT OF HOPE.

"YOU ARE... ALIVE."

"DO NOT BE AFRAID."

"YOU CAN LIVE... LIVE!"

"MU..."

MUM?

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死ね!!

DON'T SHOOT! CEASE FIRE! DON'T SHOOT!!!

DON'T KILL THEM!

LET THEM LIVE!!!

138 THE REMAINS OF THE DAY

"ALL PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED, YOU KNOW!"

"WE ARE ALL CONNECTED IN THOUGHT! IT'S BECAUSE WE ARE CONNECTED THAT WE KNOW IT."

"KNOW WHAT?"

"WHY DO YOU CRY?"
"BECAUSE I'M SAD."

"WHY ARE YOU SAD?"
"MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED."
"ARE YOU SAD BECAUSE PEOPLE DIE?"

TOSHI-MON SEEM UNWILLING TO RESIST!

WHAT? ONLY THE GIRL IS DEAD?

A STRAY BULLET!

YES! AND FATAL!

WE PROCEED NOW WITH THE APPREHEN-SION!!!

"WHY DO I LIVE?"
"ASK GOD."

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AH

WAA
AH

"YES. YOU NEED IT; MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE."

"G-OD?"

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AH

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AAAAH

IN THE BEGINNING, MEN ENJOYED THE BLESSINGS OF THE EARTH AND THE FAVOR OF HEAVEN. THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH LIFE.

139 DAWN

IN THE BEGINNING, HUMAN BEINGS FEARED GOD.

THE MEN THEN WORSHIP THESE THREE SOURCES OF FEAR AND BY SUBDUING THEM BECOME HUMAN BEINGS.

THE MIGHT OF THE ELEMENTS. THE IMMUTABLE RETURN OF THE DAY AFTER THE NIGHT AND THE FRAGILITY OF ALL LIFE TAUGHT MEN THE LIMITS OF THEIR POWER. BUT OFFERED THEM AT THE SAME TIME A PROMISE OF FERTILITY.

POWER GOVERNS EVERYTHING. THE WEAK WERE DOMINATED BY THE STRONG, WHO WERE THEMSELVES DOMINATED BY THOSE STRONGER THAN THEM.

DECEMBER 18TH 07:47
AKITA PREFECTURE
HIGASHINARUSE
MOUNT ARIKURA

139 DAWN

PREVIOUS DAY, DECEMBER 17TH, THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ARREST OF TOHIYA MISUMI AND, ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, OF THE APPEARANCE OF HIGUMADON, GO AROUND THE WORLD.

IT'S BY DRAGGING TOHIYA MISUMI THAT ASSISTANT INSPECTOR JUNICHI SHIOMI, FROM THE AOMORI PREFECTURE POLICE, MUST COME DOWN FROM MOUNT TENKURA.

18:39 ARREST

THE RESULTS OF THE ATTACK OF HIGUMADON AT THE SCENE OF THE ARREST ONLY REPORT 4 CONFIRMED SURVIVORS: THE SUSPECT AND THREE OUT OF THE 46 INVESTIGATORS PARTAKING IN THE PURSUIT OF TOSHI-MON.

BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OF THE PRESENCE OF HIGUMADON IN THE MOUNTAIN, THE SEARCH FOR DECEASED AND MISSING PEOPLE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL THE NEXT DAY.

NNN...

NNN

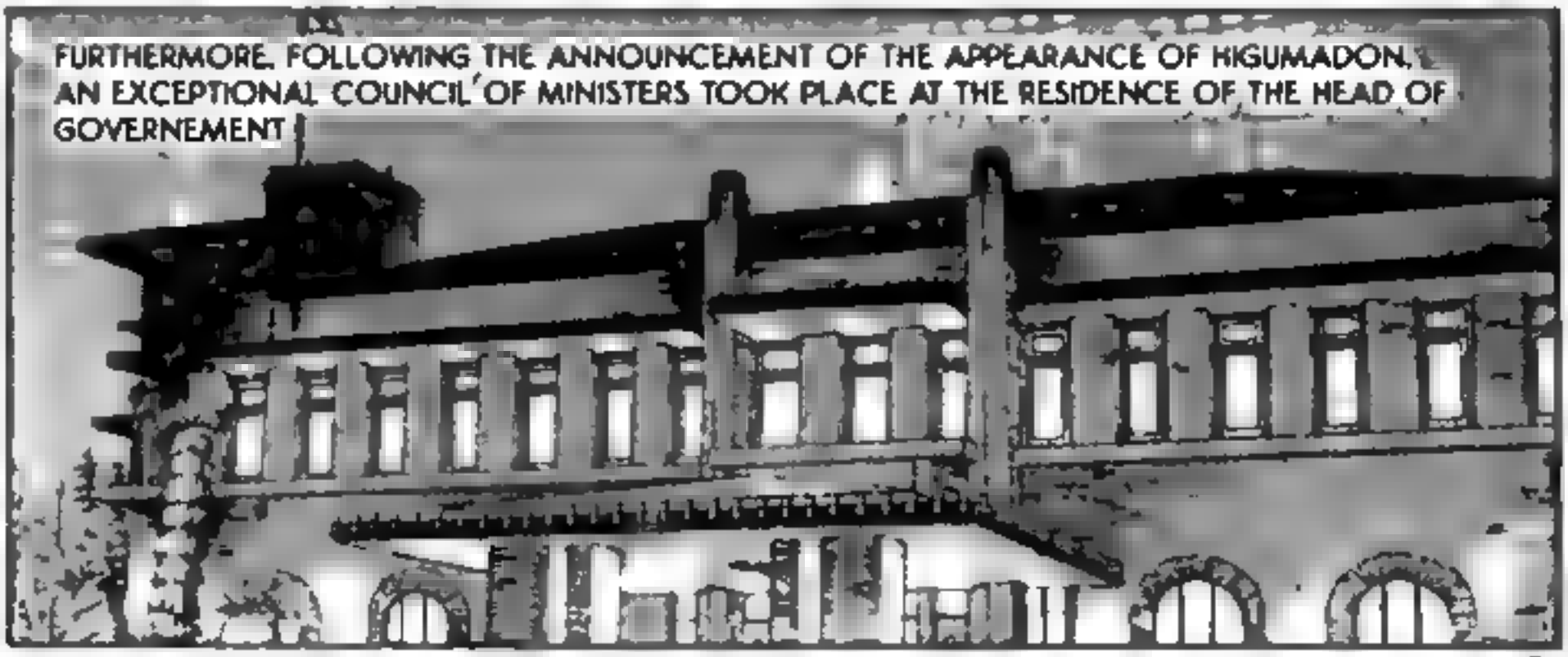
"MY MOTHER WAS RIGHT TO REMARRY A LEFTY!!!"

AND NOW, A SONG TO CELEBRATE THE ARREST OF TOSHIYA MISUMI FROM TOSHI-MON!

TOCHIGI PREFECTURE UTSUNOMIYA

AAAH...

WE LEARNED THAT AFTER THOSE IN SENDAI AND KORIYAMA, A NEW BOMB EXPLODED. THIS TIME IN UTSUNOMIYA.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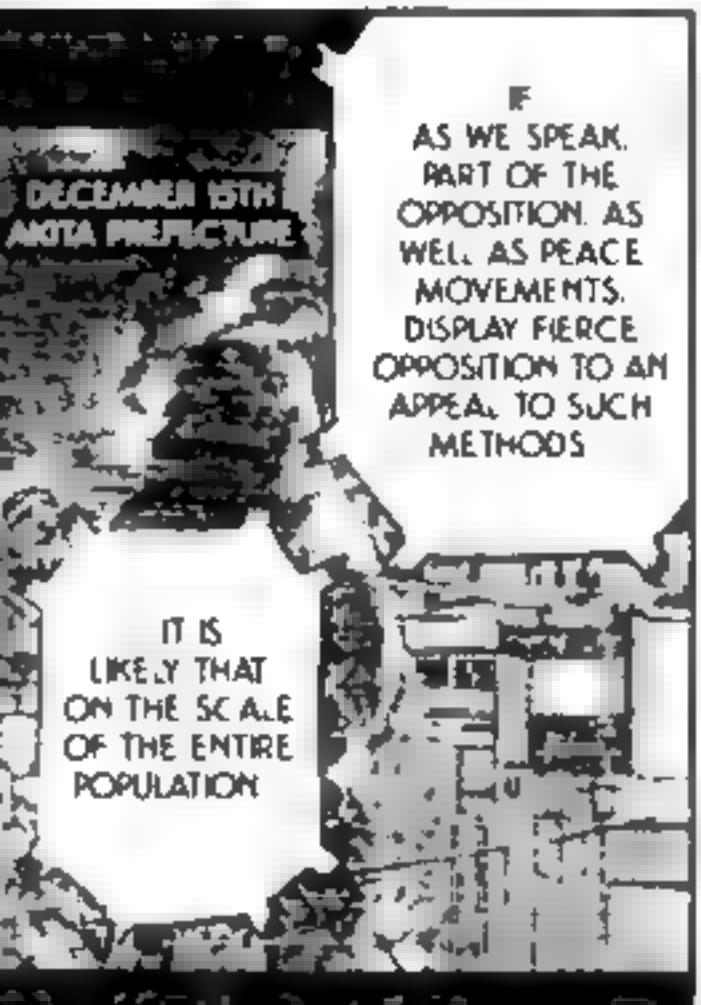
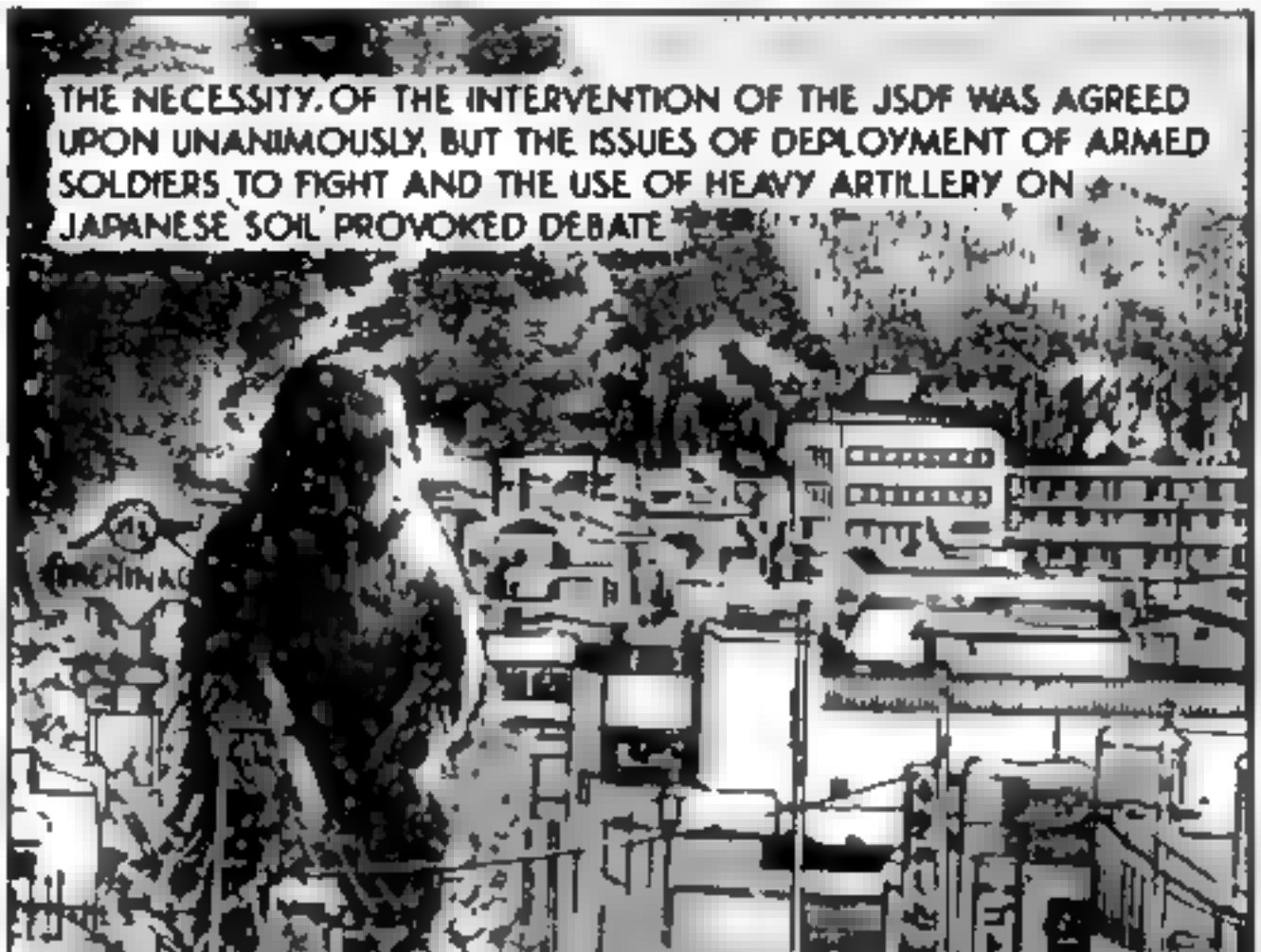
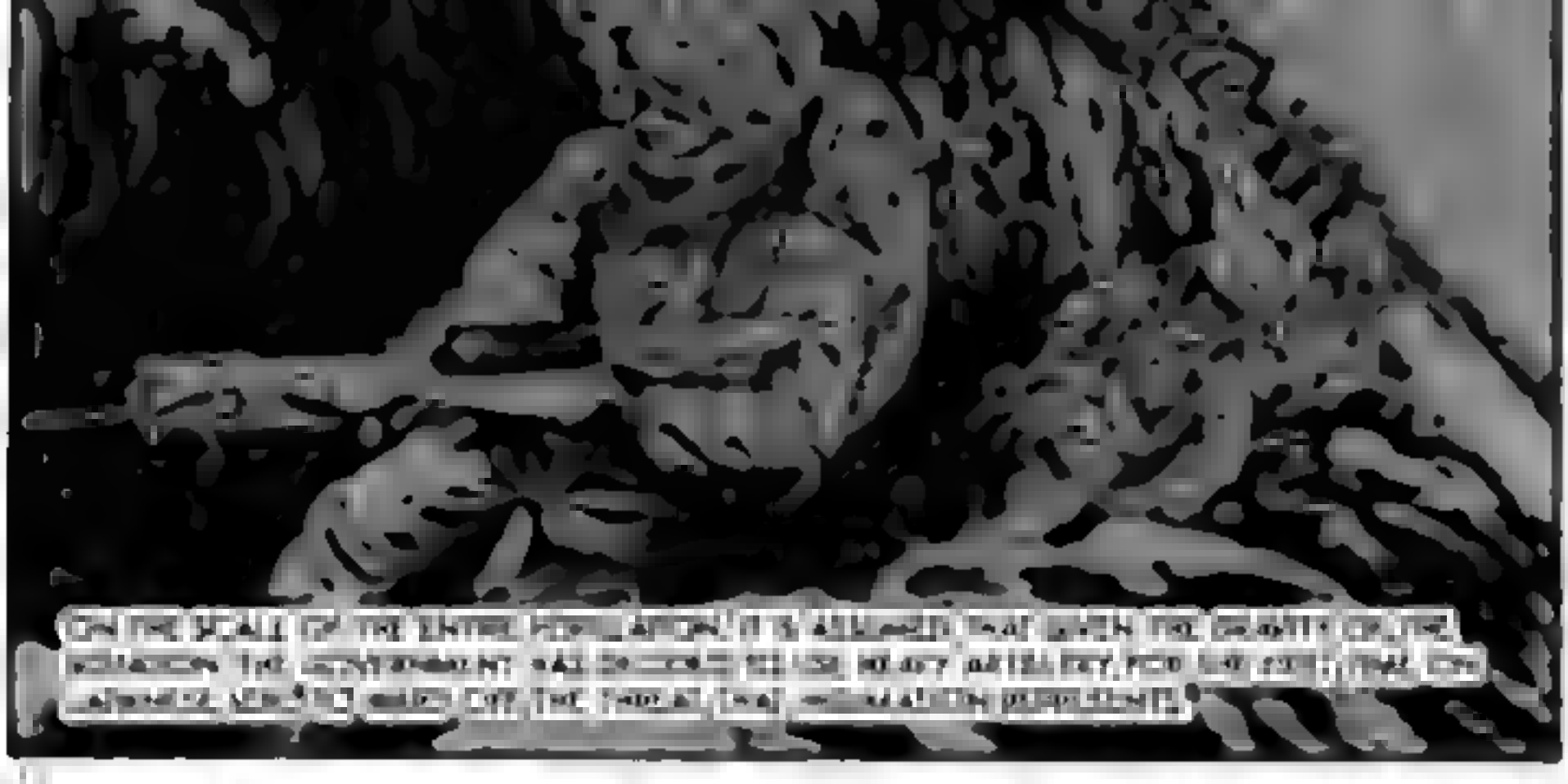

DECEMBER 15TH
AKITA PREFECTURE
IF AS WE SPEAK, PART OF THE OPPOSITION, AS WELL AS PEACE MOVEMENTS, DISPLAY FIERCE OPPOSITION TO AN APPEAL TO SUCH METHODS
IT IS LIKELY THAT ON THE SCALE OF THE ENTIRE POPULATION


THE NECESSITY OF THE INTERVENTION OF THE JSDF WAS AGREED UPON UNANIMOUSLY, BUT THE ISSUES OF DEPLOYMENT OF ARMED SOLDIERS TO FIGHT AND THE USE OF HEAVY ARTILLERY ON JAPANESE SOIL PROVOKED DEBATE


MEANWHILE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

I AM LISTEN-ING, MR PRESI-DENT.

ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY AKEHIKO HAMAGUCHI

KAORU TAKENAKA, FORMER PRIME MINISTER, MOST POWER FIGURE IN THE MINJITO PARTY, FIRST COUNSELLOR OF THE YURI FACTION

HAMA-GUCHI... DRINK.

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TO PROCEED WITH THE CAPTURE OF HIGUMADON.

AND WITH REGARDS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SCALE OF THIS AFFAIR IT WAS DECIDED..

IN ORDER TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SECURITY TO THE CITIZENS OF THE AFFECTED AREAS AND TO ALL JAPANESE PEOPLE..

AREN'T YOU GOING TO SHOW EVEN A DAMN SEMBLANCE OF RE-MORSE?

22:02 AKITA PREFECTURE
CITY OF AKITA

AH!

HERE HE IS!

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...TOSHIYA MISUMI IS CARRIED, PASSES IN FRONT OF US!

THAT'S HIM! HE'S ARRIVED!

THIS MURDERER OF COUNT-LESS VIC-TIMS...

THE VEHICLE, ON BOARD OF WHICH...

22:13 POLICE STATION OF THE CITY OF AKITA

NO NEED FOR A TRIAL! THE DEATH PENALTY! THE DEATH PENALTY!

MON-STER!!!

DIE, YOU SCUM!

KILL!

LOOK, HE'S SLEEPING, THE BAS-TARD!

AMIDST, THE INSULTS AND, THE RANTINGS TOSHIYA MISUMI COULD BE HEARD TALKING IN HIS SLEEP

SICK FUCK!

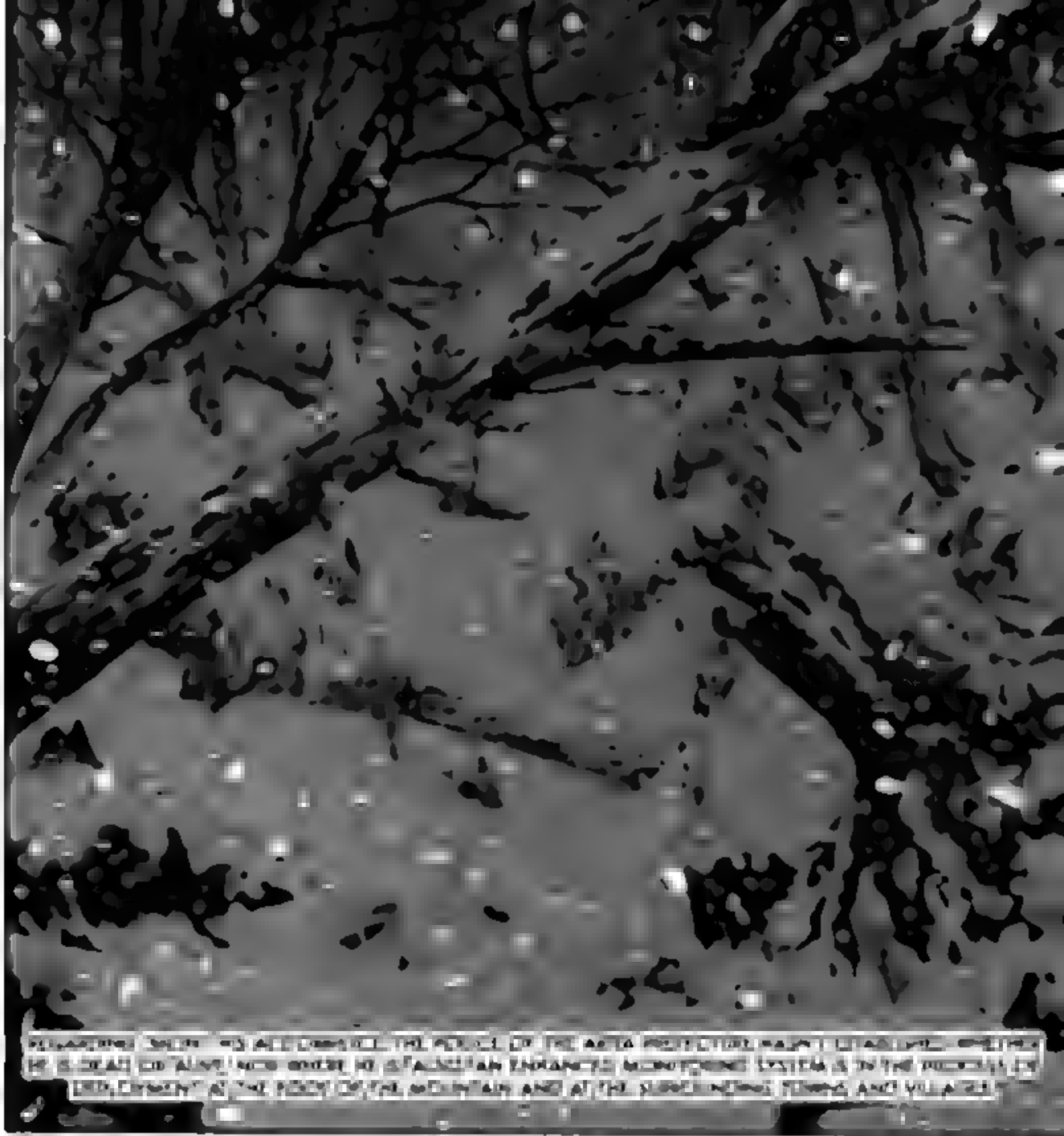
YOU'RE NOT HUMAN!

GO TO HELL!

GET OUT OF THERE!

WAKE UP, FILTH!

"I AM BACK."... IN HIS DREAM, HE WAS BACK HOME.



THE CENTRAL POLICE STATION OF ODATE HAS CONFIRMED THE IDENTITY OF THE YOUNG GIRL. THE REPORT SENT BY ODATE INDICATES THAT MARIA ABENO WAS 18 YEARS OLD AND ENROLLED IN THE THIRD YEAR OF SAKURAGAOKA HIGH SCHOOL, IN ODATE. SHE WAS A BRILLIANT STUDENT, WARM AND RIGHT. EVEN IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SHE HAS SHELTERED TOSHI-MON ON THE 30TH OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH, NOTHING IN HER BEHAVIOUR OR IN THE PRINCIPLES THAT SHE HELD INDICATES THAT SHE COULD BE THEIR ACCOMPLICE.

THE REPORT ADDS: "WITHOUT ALLOWING US TO JUDGE WHETHER IT IS HAPPY, OR UNHAPPY, WE NOTE THAT THE FATHER, THE MOTHER AND THE GRANDMOTHER OF THE YOUNG GIRL, WHO RAN "THE ABENO INN", SITUATED IN FRONT OF THE EASTERN ODATE TRAIN STATION, HAVE ALL DIED BEFORE THEIR DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER, DURING THE ATTACK OF HIGUMADON ON THE 15TH OF THIS MONTH."

TWO INVESTIGATORS OF THE NPA HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE AKITA POLICE STATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATIONS, IN PARTICULAR HOW THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE HOSTAGE WAS CONDUCTED.

NPA HAS THE INTENTION...

...TO MAKE YOU A HERO, SHIOMI.

THE POLICE OFFICER WHOM WE ARE INDEBTED FOR THE ARREST OF TOSHIYA MISUMI...

HOOVER!

HEY, CHECK ME OUT! YES, ME!

...IS NO OTHER THAN THE ONE APPOINTED CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK ON THE POLICE STATION WEST OF AOMORI BY TOSHI-MON: THE ASSISTANT INSPECTOR JUNICHI SHIOMI!

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